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EFFECT OF GEN. SMUTS' SPEECH.

Bitler Comments in French Press.

GREAT INTEREST IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 25.
General Smuts' speech, which was broadcasted by wireless, and was heard not only all over Britain but probably in Paris and a large part of the Continent, continues the absorbing topic. That section of the Press which is generally anti-French in tone acclaims Gen. Smuts as a statesman capable of leading Europe out of the abyss by an appeal to moral force, speaking with a directness and vigour hitherto not evidenced by any British statesman; while the pro-French organs deplore his "unfortunate incursion" into foreign politics without the necessary equipment. It is pointed out that the undefined position of Gen. Smuts is convenient in enabling him to say things which it is desirable to say without investing them with the atmosphere of a formal declaration. Some of the papers declare that Gen. Smuts' views are those of all the Overseas statesmen in London.

The Duke of Devonshire, speaking at a banquet in honour of the Dominions delegates in London, said he was profoundly thankful to Gen. Smuts for his contribution towards a solution of the greatest existing problem. The Duke felt that when the representatives of the great Dominions knew they could come here with full liberty of thought and speech, it was emblematic of the conditions under which we were governed.

There is little comment in the French Press hitherto. The *Westminster Gazette's* diplomatic correspondent says that French opinion is shocked and surprised, and is momentarily inclined to refuse all idea of an international conference. It asserts that M. Poincaré will never sit at the same table with Gen. Smuts after the latter's speech. The *Temps* denounces the "venomous attack on France." The *Echo de Paris* sees the existence of concerted action between the "anti-French diatribes" of Messrs. Lloyd George and McKenna and Gen. Smuts and the sudden outbreak of German lamentations before the Reparations Commission.

A New York message says Gen. Smuts' speech has aroused great interest, and is lengthily quoted in the newspapers on their front pages, being splashed with big headings. The speech is regarded as a reply to the efforts of the "diehard" British Ministers to muzzle the Imperial Conference. It is pointed out that Gen. Smuts' speech was delivered within twenty-four hours of the speech by Mr. Lloyd George at Indianapolis also urging an international conference on the subject of reparations.

Proposed International Conference.

London, October 25.
A flood of light on Gen. Smuts' reference on October 23 to the fact that negotiations are afoot to hold a conference of Powers regarding reparations, is thrown by the publication of important telegrams which passed a few days ago between Marquess Curzon and Mr. Hughes of America. The British Foreign Secretary asks if the United States still adheres to Mr. Hughes' declaration last December when he suggested that an international conference be held to assess Germany's capacity to pay and consider an appropriate financial plan to ensure such payments. Mr. Hughes' replies affirmatively, and emphasises that the United States does not desire to see Germany relieved of the responsibility of war or just obligations, but he is of opinion the conference should be advisory. As Governments are naturally unwilling to bind themselves in advance, the United States reserves its decision as regards participation in the proposed enquiry unless the European Powers be unanimous regarding the holding of same.

Marquess Curzon preliminarily refers to the ineffectual proposals by the British Government to the Allies for a solution of the reparations question, and believes if there be no common action, not merely Germany but the whole of Europe appears to be drifting to economic disaster, therefore he appeals for the co-operation of the United States Government, which Britain believes will be an essential condition of any real advance towards a settlement. Marquess Curzon points out that America's disinterest is greater than that of the European Powers. She is vitally concerned in a solution of the European problem, if only because it involves the question of inter Allied debts. He says Britain has always heartily approved of Mr. Hughes' declaration made in December, but France disapproved. Marquess Curzon welcomes the recent statement by President Coolidge that the American Government will adhere to the December declaration, and asks, in the event of the holding of an enquiry, whether Britain and the majority of the Allies could still hope for American co-operation, even though complete unanimity be not forthcoming at this end; alternatively, if America will co-operate, assuming the proposed enquiry be entrusted to the Reparations Commission.

Marquess Curzon in a statement says the Government is speaking in the name of the whole British Empire as represented in the Imperial Conference, and expresses a desire to receive any American suggestion. Mr. Hughes in reply insists there should be no grounds for an impression that if the London Conference be called it will aim at relieving Germany of her obligations or that resistance to the fulfilment of obligations will be in anywise supported. He refutes the Curzon argument that the United States is interested because the question of the inter Allied debt is involved, as he contends that the practicability of methods to secure reparations and the Allied payment of debts to the United States constitute distinct obligations. He adds that the United States cannot appoint a Reparation Commission member without the consent of Congress, but no doubt a competent American will be willing to participate in the economic enquiry. The reply reiterates the United States' desire to lend assistance towards re-establishing peace and the economic restoration of Europe.

DEFENCE OF EAST INDIES.

HOLLAND'S POLICY DEFENDED.

The Hague, October 25.
In the Second Chamber, the Foreign Minister, M. Karsbeek, defended the Bill for the defence of the East Indies from the international standpoint. He said the Washington Treaty did not remove the causes of Japanese-American tension, which consisted in the antithesis of interests between America and Japan in regard to China as a market. This tension would not decrease if Europe absorbed less American products. The compulsory jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice was only accepted by a small number of States. They would therefore continue the preparations deemed suitable for the maintenance of peace. The safety of the States demanded that they take account of certain facts for which they were not responsible.

MR. BALDWIN SPEAKS.

Plain Words on Government Policy.

GERMANY MUST BE SAVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 25.
Mr. Baldwin received an ovation at a mass meeting of five thousand persons at Plymouth. He contended that the Government had a definite foreign policy, on which the Cabinet was entirely united, and had lost no opportunity of endeavouring to secure the common action necessary to end Europe's troubles. He said the Government had not followed up its Note of August 11th, because immediately thereafter it became obvious that passive resistance in Germany might then be resumed. Then came President Coolidge's statement offering American participation, if invited by all the Allies, in allied conference, or to be represented by experts on any committee of experts under the auspices of the Reparations Commission. The Government immediately addressed the Allies, strongly urging a prompt affirmative reply. He had had the pleasure of meeting M. Poincaré and establishing relations which made it perhaps not too difficult to say what he was going to say now. "M. Poincaré represents the opinion of practically the whole of France, and I beg him to consider for himself and his nation, for us, and for the world once and twice, and thrice before he refuses this invitation."

Mr. Baldwin reiterated the Government's well-known policy with regard to reparations, and declared the disintegration and disruption of Germany must put back for years her progress towards reparations. We could not contemplate the breaking up of Germany into a separate State, for that would immediately nullify the Treaty of Versailles. The position was grave, and it was conceivable to me that when the opportunity presents itself, as at present, for a chance of a settlement, there should be anyone who would refuse it."

Referring to unemployment, he denied that the Government intended to depart from a sound financial policy. The Government was not pursuing any policy of active deflation, and it was not proposed to proceed in the direction of inflation. Referring to unemployment in the shipyards, he announced that the Government had decided to lay down several light cruisers for replacement of the County class, which were many years overdue. The building programme was in strict conformity with the terms of the Washington Conference, and was merely anticipating work which must in any case be undertaken in a couple of years time.

Mr. Bonar Law's fiscal pledge bound him, and in this Parliament there would be no fundamental change. He could not see that any slight extension or adaptation of principles hitherto sanctioned by the legislature were breaches of the pledge, but if at any time he were challenged, he would always be willing to take a verdict. He had come to the conclusion that the only way to fight unemployment was by protecting the home market. (Prolonged cheers.)

AMERICA'S DUTY TO THE WORLD.

DEMOCRAT SENATORS' DECLARATION.

New York, October 25.

Opening his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, at Dallas, Texas, Senator Underwood declared that America had surrendered the leadership in world affairs, and was losing herself in partisan politics. "The plain duty that lies ahead of us is a return to the principles guiding America in the Great War, to have and exercise a definite Governmental policy in Europe that will function by peaceful means, aiming at the establishment of stable government and re-establishing of stable financial and business conditions, aiding in the international understanding that will close the door to war."

EMPIRE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

TREATY-MAKING POWERS DISCUSSED.

London, October 25.

The Economic Conference has begun consideration of reciprocal judgments and currency, by a committee of Imperial experts assembled at the Foreign Office. The agenda includes whisky-running in the United States, and the treaty-making powers of the Dominions, when the question of the recent Canada-American fisheries treaty will undoubtedly arise. Mr. Baldwin was unable to attend to-day owing to his departure for Plymouth to deliver a speech at the Conservative Conference.

FIGHT AT AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

REPUBLIC FAILS TO MATERIALISE.

Brussels, October 25.

Reports received state that the German police early this morning attacked the Separatists installed in the Government offices at Aix-la-Chapelle, but unsuccessfully. It is reported that five police and two Separatists were killed.

Liege, October 25.

It is stated that the Separatists have retired from most towns in the Belgian zone, where the Republic was proclaimed.

THE UNREST IN CHINA.

A HINT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, October 25.

Following the receipt of information that the town of Changsha where the Yale Missionary Institute is situated had been bombed during hostilities between warring Chinese factions, China has been notified that the American gunboat stationed at Changsha would return the fire of any guns directed against the property of American nationals.

NOT WHAT THEY HOPED FOR.

London, October 25.

The Irish Deportees Compensation Tribunal in London has awarded an aggregate of £3,941 to three men and three women deported from Britain to Ireland last March, compared with their claims for £20,300.

THE CRISIS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

FILIPINO COMMISSIONER'S VIEWS.

Seen by a representative of the *Telegraph*, Mr. Isidro Gabaldon, Resident Commissioner of the Philippines at Washington, who is now on a visit to Hong Kong, made the following statement of publication.

"Conditions in the Philippine Islands have never been better, save for the crisis which exists in the Government as a result of the reactionary policies of the Governor General who, it appears, is determined to do everything to displease the Filipinos. He is a menace to our autonomy and consequently to the realisation of our national aspirations. Hence the need for his immediate recall. For this the Filipinos will do everything in their power, but through peaceful and lawful means."

"The Filipino leaders are united in their stand against the encroachments and arbitrary acts of the Governor General, and this stand was recently backed up by the people who in unmistakable terms elected Mayor Fernandez of Manila (who with the Council of State resigned his position as a protest against the Governor General) to the Philippine Senate in the general election held on October 2, last, in the fourth district."

"Although the administration in Washington apparently has supported the Governor General, we Filipinos have not lost faith in Congress, and for this reason we will carry the fight against the Governor General to that body when it convenes in December. The crisis in the Philippine Government can be solved only by the Governor General's admission of the blunders he has committed and a promise to respect the autonomy of the Philippines, or by his recall. American sovereignty in the Philippines is not endangered by this attitude of the Filipinos. In fact, we remain more loyal to the United States than ever before."

Mr. Gabaldon is accompanied by Mr. A. Llorente, Commercial Attaché of the Philippine Islands at Washington. Both are returning to their posts on Saturday.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON OPIUM.

Geneva, October 25.

The League of Nations Council has provisionally decided to hold the first of two conferences to deal with practical means of carrying out the Hague Opium Convention of 1912 next July. All the States having territories in the Far East will be represented. The second conference will be held immediately afterwards. The Council will decide at its next session whether all the League members should be invited, or only the parties to the 1912 Convention.

KRUPP DIRECTORS RELEASED.

Berlin, October 25.

The *Koelnische Zeitung's* Essen correspondent learns that Herr Krupp, together with three of his directors imprisoned at Duesseldorf, have obtained release for a period of seven days on the ground of pressing business. It is stated that the question of releasing other political prisoners is being discussed.

It is believed that the liberation of the Krupp directors is the beginning of extensive releases.

WHAT THE L.O.N. NEEDS.

London, October 25.

At a League of Nations Union dinner to members of the Imperial Conference, over which Professor Gilbert Murray presided, General Smuts, Mr. Bruce and the Maharajah of Alwar were present. Lord Robert Cecil, apologising for his absence, declared that the machinery of the League was sufficiently sound. What was required was more popular support.

"WESTMORELAND" REPORTED SAFE.

London, October 25.

The s.s. Westmoreland has been signalled 250 miles west of Valencia. A New York message says the erroneous report that the Westmoreland was sinking was brought to Newport News by the master of a Danish steamer, whose good faith is unquestioned. His operator evidently misinterpreted the wireless.

UNIONIST PARTY CONFERENCE.

London, October 25.

Thirteen hundred delegates are attending the Unionist Conference at Plymouth, the first since the breaking up of the Coalition. The conference has passed a resolution affirming that the welfare of the country depends on a closer economic union with the Dominions, and laying stress on the vital importance of inter-Empire trade.

LLOYD GEORGE MEETS THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, October 25.

Mr. Lloyd George arrived here, and called on Mr. Hughes. Later he had lunch with President Coolidge and the Cabinet members.

LATEST PRICE OF MARKS.

London, October 25.

Marks are now quoted in London at 450-550 millards to the pound sterling.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)



Senator Underwood.

who has begun his Presidential campaign on behalf of the Democratic Party in America.

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Remember that entries close on Wednesday next. Forms may be obtained from Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., or at the offices of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

CHINESE FOOTBALL TOUR.

TO-MORROW'S PICTURES.

Special interest will attach to our Picture Page to-morrow from the fact that the illustrations will include some excellent photographs of the Chinese footballers now on tour in Australia. One will show Leung Yuk-tong, the captain of the team, leading his men to the field in a Test Match played at Sydney, which was attended by 40,000 people. Others will depict the Chinese and Australian captain shaking hands before the commencement of the match, and Lau Hing-cheung, the Chinese goalie, making a wonderful save. Other pictures of local interest will also be included on the page, these being photographs of Mr. U. Omar and Mr. W. Russell, lawn bowls champion and runner-up respectively, a snapshot of the lawn bowls final in progress; a photograph of Telegraphist Davies, who is willing to fight "Iron" Bux; and a group of the Hongkong Football Club team which played the R.G.A. last week.

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NEWS IN TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have had additional telephone facilities installed. In consequence, the number has been changed, and now is, Central 4567.—Page 4.
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The Navy League Ball takes place on Nov. 2nd.—Page 4.
The Motor Gymkhana will be held on Nov. 3rd.—Page 4.
A special vaudeville entertainment is billed for the Star Theatre.—Page 12.
At the Coronet, "Tollable David" is being screened.—Page 12.

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RADIO SOCIETY.

**GOVERNMENT'S
SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE.**

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Radio Society was held at the Volunteer Headquarters last evening. Mr. A. B. Raworth, acting Chairman of the Committee, presiding over a large attendance of members.

The Chairman said: This meeting has been called for several purposes, firstly, to elect a President and Vice-President of the Society in consequence of the resignation of Messrs. Donithorne and Smith; secondly, to discuss the future work of the Society; and thirdly, to entertain you with a programme which the Hongkong Hotel Company has kindly consented to broadcast. Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I trust you will excuse me for taking up your time by giving an account of the work of the Committee to date.

At a General Meeting of the Society held on May 17th, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher explained the attitude of the Government towards broadcasting. He stated that the Government did not intend to draw up any rules and regulations regarding broadcasting until the expert arrived from H.M.S. but he also said that members, who applied for licences to install receiving sets, would be given permission to do so subject to any conditions which the Government thought fit to impose. Nothing definite was stated with regard to transmitting. On June 1st a letter was sent to the Government giving the Society's views regarding the granting of provisional licences, offering the names of three members to act as technical inspectors until the arrival of the Government expert, and asking for a provisional licence to broadcast. The Government replied to this letter on August 9th, saying that it desired to avail itself of the assistance of the Society, and asking whether the Society would be willing to undertake to make enquiries and advise the Government with regard to applications for permission to install receiving sets. Pending further instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, it was found to be impossible to arrive at a decision with regard to the issue of a broadcasting licence, but the Government would consider any suggestions put forward.

The Society's Requests.

This letter was unfortunately not replied to until September 12th, because it was found extremely difficult to obtain the necessary quorum of six members of the Committee specified in Rule 7. At this time the total committee numbered only six. Mr. R. M. Smith having resigned, Messrs. Packe and Chesterton were, therefore, invited to join the Committee. The letter sent to the Government on September 12th, stated that in the opinion of the Society, receiving licences should be granted forthwith to applicants on conditions similar to those obtaining in England. The Society also requested permission to have experiments in transmission carried out under its supervision. I should like to explain that Mr. Fletcher assisted us very materially, by giving us verbal permission to have transmitting done under the auspices of the Radio Society, provided that no interference was caused to the Government wireless stations.

As most of you are aware, the Hongkong Hotel Company has been broadcasting nightly at 6 p.m. for some weeks, and I am sure that you will all join me in paying

a tribute to the Hotel Company for its energy and initiative in introducing practical broadcasting to the Colony. Most of us have learned a good deal from these experiments, combined with a considerable amount of amusement, and on behalf of the Society, I have to thank the Hongkong Hotel Company for its co-operation in this demonstration to-night.

I am glad to be able to tell you that we received a letter from the Government yesterday as follows:

Government's Favourable Reply.

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 12th September and to state that after further consideration it has been decided that for the present no objection will be taken to the setting up by private individuals of wireless telegraph receiving sets provided that precautions are taken to prevent the emission from the receiving apparatus of self-generated oscillations.

This Government has no objection in principle to the carrying out under your Committee's supervision of experiments in transmitting, and is referring the matter to the Naval authorities with regard to the condition of wave-lengths and time of operation. It will, of course, be understood that the permission may be withdrawn at any time.

It is not necessary, therefore, for a private individual to apply for a licence to install a receiving set, but the Committee of the Society hopes that members who are in any doubt about their sets, will submit them to the Committee for examination.

Broadcasting is now established in Hongkong, and it will be up to the Radio Society to see that it is carried out in such a way that the Government shall have no reason to object. We now have the permission to receive, and I believe in a very short time, an attractive programme will be available every evening, with special band nights once or twice a week. The commercial application of broadcasting will follow automatically as soon as the ban against the importation of wireless apparatus into China is removed.

Election of Officers.

I now propose that we proceed to the election of a President and Vice-President who will hold office until the next annual general meeting, and I have much pleasure in proposing that Mr. C. D. Melbourne be elected President.

Seconded by Mr. Packe, the Chairman's proposal was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Taylor, seconded by Mr. R. A. Ezra, Mr. A. B. Raworth was appointed Vice-President of the Society.

The Chairman stated that owing to the difficulty sometimes experienced of obtaining a quorum with six or seven members serving on the Committee, it was desirable to elect another member to serve.

Three names were proposed. By an overwhelming majority the meeting approved of the election to be left to the Committee instead of by ballot.

In reply to a question by Mr. Van Andel as to the possibility of teaching members the Morse code, the Chairman said that a gentleman had volunteered to take on a Morse class provided there was a sufficient attendance. If members would send in their names a class could immediately be formed.

In regard to the future activities of the society the Chairman suggested that a meeting be held at least once a month, preferably at the Volunteer Headquarters, at which people could have their various sets examined, experiments

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BAVARIAN DISPUTE.

Berlin, Oct. 25.
At a meeting at the residence of the Chancellor, attended by representatives of different States of the Reich, was unanimously adopted a statement supporting the standpoint of the Reich in its dispute with Bavaria, declaring an immediate settlement necessary, and demanding, in order to avoid similar disputes in the future, the immediate abolition of martial law in the different states, opining that negotiations should be opened for the readjustment of the relations between the individual states and the central government, and a larger measure of state independence.

ART CONNOISSEUR'S GIFTS.

London, Oct. 25.
The Senate of the University of London has accepted a gift of ten thousand pounds sterling for a Chair of Otolaryngology from Mr. Geoffrey Davenport, who intends to allocate a further fifteen thousand pounds sterling to the University College Hospital for treatment of the deaf. The double gift has been made in memory of the donor's father, one of the founders of the famous art firm of Davenport Brothers.

GERMAN COMMUNISTS.

Helsingfors, Oct. 25.
Reports from Moscow state that at a conference of the red army presided over by General Unschlicht, Commissioner of the General Staff, was discussed the German situation. General Sklianski, Chairman of the Military Council, stated that the political bureau advocated the immediate employment of the red army to settle the German situation in favour of the Communists.

WORLD'S GREATEST DAM.

Bombay, Oct. 25.
Sir G. A. Lloyd, the Governor, initiated the world's greatest irrigation scheme by laying the foundation of the Sakkar Barrage, a mile long, spanning the river Indus with a network of canals for the irrigation of eight million acres, and costing £12,000,000.

MUSSOLINI TALKS TO "BLACKSHIRTS."

Rome, Oct. 25.
Signor Mussolini has started on a tour of the northern provinces in celebration of the anniversary of the Fascists. He marched through Rome and was triumphantly received in Turin, where he addressed a hundred thousand "Blackshirts" after a military tournament. He was loudly acclaimed.

According to the *Messaggero*, six grenades exploded prematurely at the tournament wounding an officer and five soldiers.

GERMAN MINES TO CLOSE DOWN.

Berlin, Oct. 25.
Reports from Essen state that mine owners are resolved to close all Rhenish and Westphalian mines on the 25th, owing to the failure of negotiations with the occupation authorities.

COLOGNE RIOTS.

Cologne, Oct. 25.
Two were killed and six wounded in disorders following a meeting of the unemployed. The police used their firearms.

could be made and members exchange their experiences. He was sure good results would accrue.

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SINGAPORE CRIME.

DRASTIC CONTROL OF IMMIGRANTS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Oct. 25.

The crime wave has reached a high peak here. The Government has decided to rush through legislation for more drastic control of alien Chinese immigration.

Seven brutal murders occurred in one month, including a Towkay chopped up with an axe, and an old man shot with revolvers, and then ripped open in many places with knives.

The police have just made an exciting capture of a gang of thirty members of an illegal society, who were conducting a Triad ceremony in the jungle. The gang was charged last evening, the Court being crowded. The prisoners entered under armed escort, and armed police were placed round the walls of the building inside, but no trouble occurred. The case was adjourned.

BIG FIRES.

DESTRUCTION AT TSINANFU AND CHANGSHA.

(Our own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Oct. 25.

Tsinanfu reports that more than one hundred houses and shops in the main business street have been destroyed by fire.

Hankow reports that four hundred houses were destroyed by fire in the wealthy suburb of the West gate section of Changsha early on Wednesday, when the firemen were unable to approach the blaze.

The reason given for the outbreaks is the military restrictions imposed by Chao Kwei ti.

Peking, Oct. 25.—On the night of the 21st fire broke out at the west gate of the Changsha City destroying over 450 houses. Damage is estimated at \$100,000. Tsuchun Chao Hange had donated \$3,000 for relief. *Tsun Wan Yat Po.*

FRIEND OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

The death has taken place of Sir William Treloar, a former Lord Mayor of London, and founder of the hospital at Alton, where little cripples learned to bless his name. Sir William was head of the firm of Treloar and Sons, Ludgate-hill, the well-known carpet manufacturers. On January 13 last he celebrated his 80th birthday.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

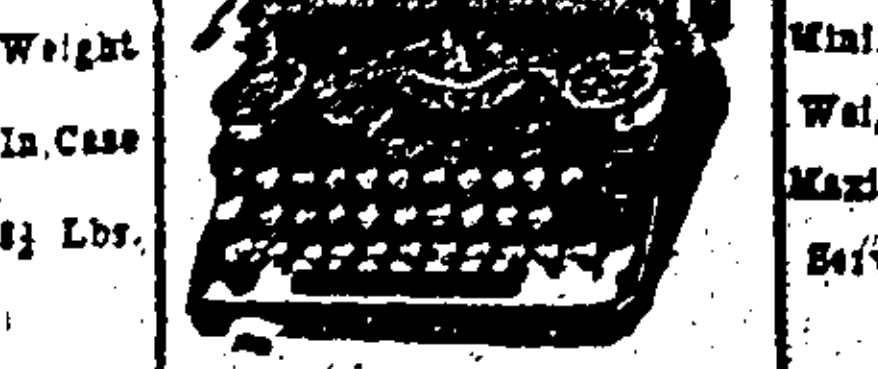
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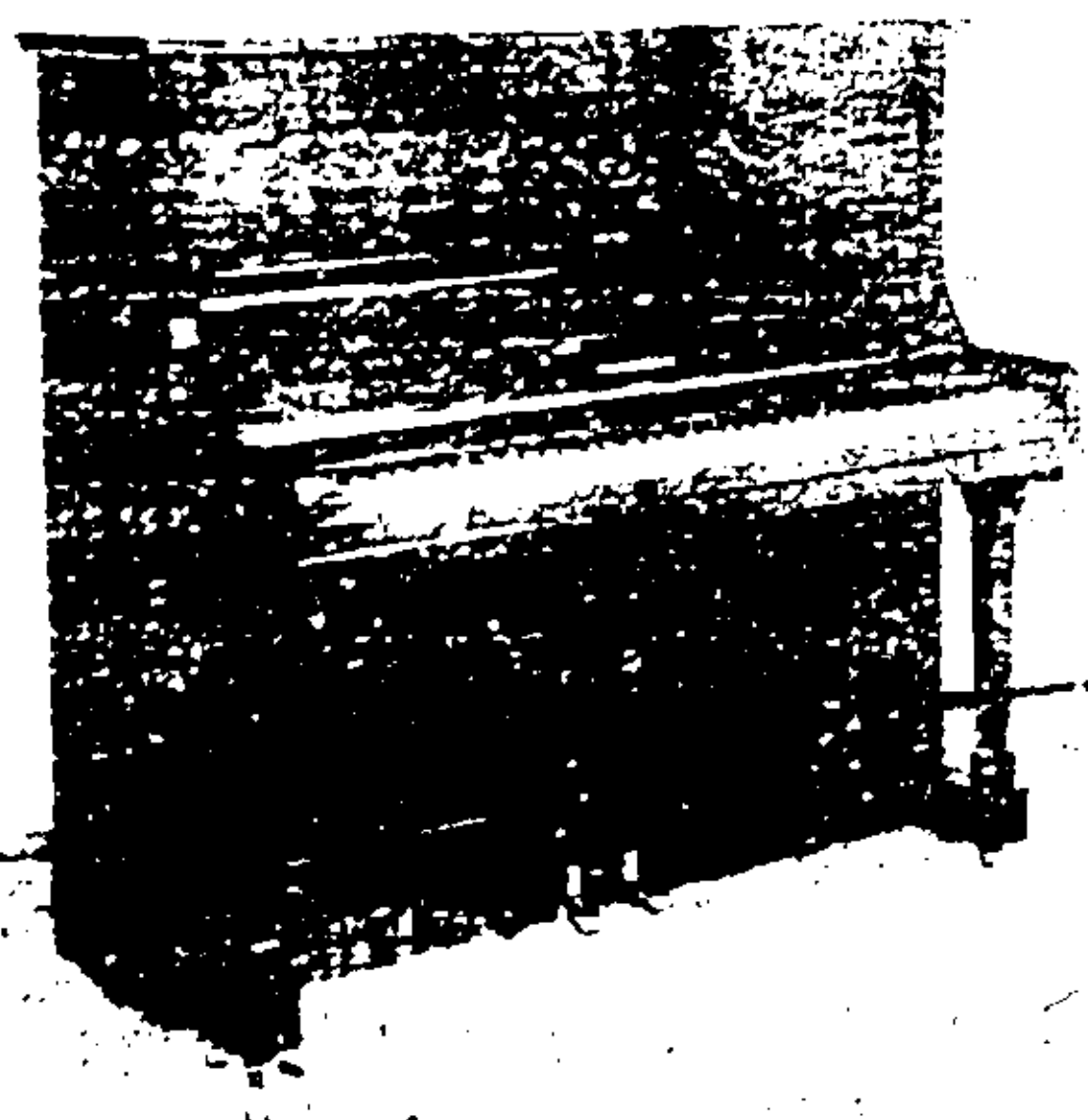
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SERVICE PAY.**The Reductions Criticised.**

The Committee on Service Pay has returned to the principle of supply and demand, under which the Government offers the lowest wage which it deems necessary to secure efficient service. Even on that reckoning the Committee's proposals do not promise to be entirely successful, comments the *Observer*. The rates fixed in the war period are high, and the taxpayer must be allowed to take into his account the subsequent appreciation of the pound. On the other hand, as we have had frequent occasion to point out, it would be better to throw money away than to spend on defence without an equivalent return in security. The first element in defence is the spirit and professional competence of the defenders.

We are doubtful with what success the Army will attract recruits to serve alongside men performing the same duties at twice the rate of pay. It has been stated that, even now, the post-war recruit is not on the average the equal of the pre-war in physique and intelligence. The Navy has to compete, and will, when trade revives, have to compete energetically with skilled trades for the manning of posts which demand more and more of technical proficiency.

Another element must enter calculation. A "marked man" can never be strictly applicable to men who, like the police, must be required to forego some of their civil rights during their years of service, and later must face the inevitable difficulty of entering other occupations. The pay standard of 1914 is not necessarily a satisfactory standard. The departments are dealing, moreover, with a population whose outlook has undergone a very decided change in ten years. The interest of a civilian occupation is superior. When that is excluded the "idle" still remains.

The pay of the Civil Service is left intact, but longer hours are suggested. The official position is not more immune than the rest of the population from conditions which we cannot alter unless by an increase of exertion. It would, however, be material to know how far the existing hours of employment are formal. The work of many grades, certainly, of the Civil Service is not bounded by hours or office walls.

AN ARMY PROTEST.
Commenting on the proposed reductions in Army pay, a well-known authority told an *Observer* representative that while certain reductions were probably inevitable, the cuts, particularly in officers' pay, may seriously hamper recruiting.

"Parents who thought of sending their sons to Sandhurst," he said, "have been very unsettled about launching them on a military career since the advent of the Geddes axe. The new proposals cannot fail to leave them more unsettled than ever. The severe cut in rankers' pay from 2s. 9d. to 1s. 6d. a day may not keep them out of the Army, owing to the prevalent unemployment, but will be difficult to avoid the impression that the lower rates are being taxed out of all proportion, particularly as marriage, temporary ration and other allowances have all been recently reduced. Warrant officers, too, are to be rather badly hit. Regimental Quartermaster Sergeants drop from 12s. to 8s. 6d. a day; regimental sergeant-majors from 14s. to 10s. This is, proportionately, a much greater drop than that stipulated for officers in Army Order 324 of September, 1919, which provided for reductions in July next year not exceeding 20 per cent."

"One factor is usually forgotten in estimating soldiers' pay," he added. "A Navy or Air Force man, when he decides to quit the Service, can get civilian employment with little difficulty. Navy men get a ready welcome in the Merchant Service. But the soldier, when he leaves, cannot go and join another army. This handicap should induce us to treat him liberally while he is serving. Navy men afloat, too, have considerably fewer opportunities of spending, and officers' special allowances are usually much bigger than in the case of the Army."

"Instead of making drops at once," he concluded, "it would, I think, be better to do this on a graduated percentage basis as living really decreased."

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In these words Dr. A. M. Low, the inventor, summed up his own point of view with regard to a much debated problem. He believes that an attempt, even if unsuccessful, could not but teach us something, if only of the method of signalling employed.

"The method I consider most hopeful is light-signalling," he said recently in a *Daily News* interview.

There are several known chemical means of producing a light screen of sufficient size, which would last long enough to be noticed by Martians if such exist.

"I rather think that a suitable screen could be set out at a high altitude by aeroplanes, in order to eliminate as far as possible the effect of the air and clouds, which combine to make difficult any observation of the earth itself."

Dr. Low pointed out that although the problem of constructing a machine sufficiently powerful to propel wireless waves the necessary distance was too insoluble, the fact that the waves travel in curves, and not in straight lines, made this form of communication very difficult. He also does not favour smoke-signalling.

"Of course it is extremely likely that there is life on Mars," he said, "but to assume that life there is similar to our own is ludicrous."

"Some years ago we thought that animals and plants were the only things which lived. Now we know that there is life in everything."

"I have never seen anything yet which was not alive."

"The rate of living is the crux of matter. We human beings must seem like butterflies to a turtle, while it is conceivable that a creature which lived very, very slowly would think the rate of living of a stone quite fast."

HEAT PHOTOGRAPHS.

"How are we to know that Martians 'see' by light? They might 'see' by means of heat waves. You can take quite good photographs in a pitch-dark room using heat only."

"I suppose that we were born with eyes having only slightly different lenses from the normal. We should see that the air around us was filled with life and that our bath water was a mass of horrible-looking creatures. Quite a small difference in our physical make-up would obviously revolutionise our world and our ideas of living."

"Martians might be so advanced as to exist simply as thoughtforms, or they might look like worms. There may be no life there capable of appreciating any signals, but not to make an attempt would be deplorable."

Dr. Low is inclined to think that if Martians do exist they are not so incredibly advanced as some theorists have supposed.

"If they were," he said, "they would have found some means of attempting communication themselves. They may have done so, and given up in despair, but I rather think they would have continued trying, and eventually have found some means of signalling even our limited intelligences could comprehend."

AVEBURY WIRELESS SCHEME.**Abandonment Practically Certain.**

An announcement made by the British Postmaster-General, in a letter to Sir Charles Oman, that the proposal to erect a Marconi wireless station at Avebury, in Wiltshire, would probably be dropped altogether, has given general satisfaction, and especially to archaeologists.

It is understood that objections to the scheme have been raised by others than archaeologists, however, and that in consequence, the question of an alternative site is now being discussed by the Post Office, in conjunction with the other departments concerned. When an *Observer* representative made inquiries at the General Post Office as to the nature of these objections, he was informed that no information could be given on the matter, inasmuch as the objections were of a confidential nature, and concerned other departments besides the Post Office. As to finding an alternative site, that was a matter it was stated, which concerned the Marconi Company.

THE FAHMY TRIAL.**Scenes at the Old Bailey.**

A notorious case always gives trouble to the police and Court officers at the Old Bailey. The Fahmy trial found them prepared, but powerless to obliterate some objectionable features, says the *Times*. They could not, for example, expel from the public gallery the numbers of young women who might have been much better occupied than in gazing over such details as must be investigated in a Court of law. But, by constant exertion, the police were able to prevent the formation of a queue outside the doors at midnight and the early hours of the morning. The lessons of the Iford murder were borne in mind, and as soon as a few people gathered they were dispersed. It was wonderful that so many should have persisted in the attempt. Some, indeed, went off in disappointment. Others loitered for hours watching for a chance of securing a place.

Doubtless what these men and women were so eager to see was a woman on trial for murdering her husband. There would have been less offence in their curiosity if it had been roused by the extraordinary mingling of nationalities in the Court. The prisoner was a Frenchwoman. Distinguished English counsel were engaged. Egyptian barristers held watching briefs. The interpreter, in the later stages, was a woman barrister from France. The Old Bailey has not often been the theatre of such a scene, especially when Mme. Fahmy was acquitted.

A NEW CLUB IDEA.

Mrs. Marcel Wolters is responsible, writes the *Tientsin Times*, correspondent of the *Far Eastern Times* for the organization here of a select social body called the "Godown Club," named from the location of its quarters in a spacious godown off the Rue de France, Tientsin. "Amuse and not uplift" is the motto of this club. It is open to both men and women of all nationalities, especially those with tastes running close to Bohemian. Artists, singers and entertainers of an amateur status will form the nucleus. There will be room in the godown for a stage, while still more ample room for majong, bridge and tea. The idea of the formation of this club seems to be a reaction to the uplifting organizations for which Tientsin is justly famous.

OUR "DEPLORABLE" PARKS.

The Bishop of London's denunciation of bad conduct in the parks continues to be refuted, supported, deprecated, and satirized. The London Wesleyans, at their District Synod, rallied round the Bishop. A minister from Clapham, and another from Hampstead, declared that the Bishop had not exaggerated; deplorable scenes could be witnessed in broad daylight on Clapham Common and Hampstead Heath. Of course, much depends on what the Bishop and the Wesleyan ministers consider deplorable. The Synod, however, contented itself with passing a resolution calling on the responsible authorities to exercise more efficient supervision. —*Times*.

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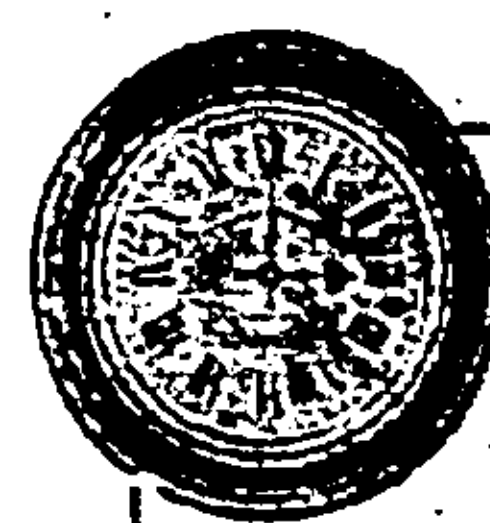
Or blank as Atheist's Eternity.
Life's little facts are tilled,
Gather'd and placed in granaries where walls
Give with the pressing grain and grow fulfilled
With rich or rotten seed as labour stalls.

But as the sudden sun
Forcing a little crevice in a door
Lays its long golden fingers one by one
O'er the dim mystery of the threshing floor

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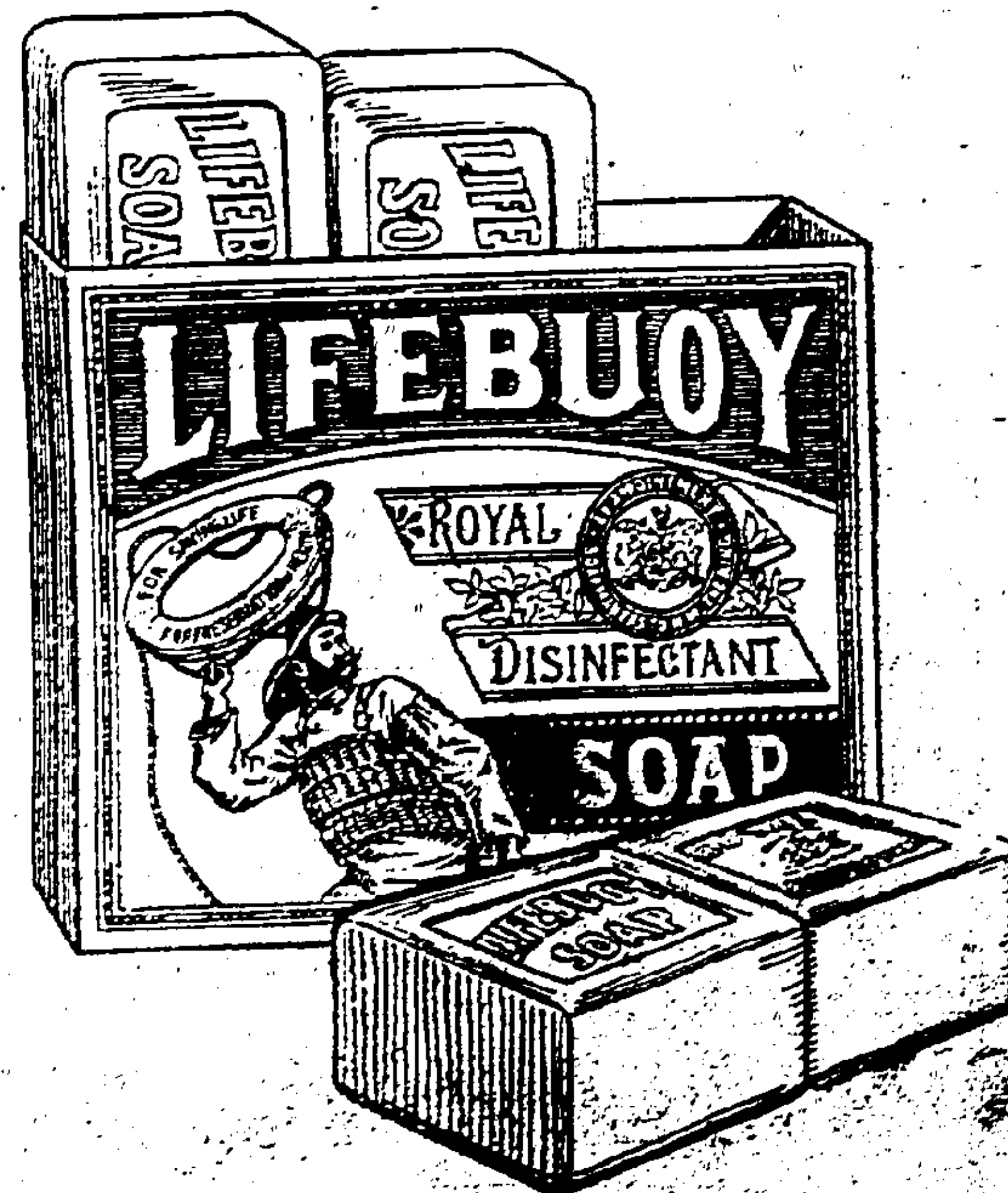
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J. A. FRASER, Secretary, Sanitary Board, 25th. October, 1923.

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WORLD'S TOILERS.

How They Hurry to Work in Many Lands.

Great streams of humanity that flow and return to their starting points for the purposes of industry, commerce and profession, writes "Traveller" in a Home paper.

This is the official description of the morning and evening migrations to and from London and the suburbs, which, as recently reported in the "Daily Chronicle," are detailed in a Blue Book on the Census.

The words bring to mind the great streams of the world's workers that I have watched in different countries in the opening hours of daily toil. Some years ago, in a striking little book called "From the Abyss," a (then) rising politician gave some account of the flood of workers to be seen every morning crossing the bridges of London into the City. The picture was quite true to life and depicted with literary power.

But one felt that the writer lacked the milk of human kindness. He seemed to regard these great tides of man and woman like armies of ants appearing out of a myriad holes and steaming along towards unknown destinations, into which they sank like negligible insects.

GREAT BUSINESS LEVERS. As I have watched these hurrying throngs in many parts of the world, it was not thus I thought about them, but rather as enormous moving levers by which the multiplex business of mankind was conducted.

Many readers of these words are part of these morning streams, to be encountered in London and the big cities. Every morning they join the huge crowds of workers that roll from the great railway stations of London, or over the bridges of the Thames, or through the main thoroughfares of the City. At the same hour, similar (if smaller) streams of human-kind flow through the business arteries of Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, and the many large industrial centres of our national life.

In Paris, you can take up your stand on the Quai side and by you rushes, with a merry glance and a light step, thousands of young Parisians who are on their way to office and shop and warehouse.

Down Broadway, in New York, at about the same hour, you can see an army of busy workers making hurriedly for their place of business. They look thoroughly alert and circumspect, for in the rapid pace of life in America the sluggish soon drops out of these busy streams of toilers.

MORE LEISURELY EAST. In Berlin, during the early morning hours, one sees enormous masses of men and women thrusting out from the railway stations and distributing themselves through the main streets to the congeries of stores and shops and offices in which the industry of Berlin struggles on.

Along the byways of Venice a bustling movement of workers is to be observed, and they glide over the Rialto to disappear down the mysterious entrances that fill the traveller with insatiable curiosity.

The East is like to the West in these morning streams of toilers, but the hour is earlier and the pace more leisurely. Bombay, Fort Said, Cairo, and countless other places, present the same features.

As George Meredith said, the poetry of mortals is their daily prose and in the morning hours they begin each day a fresh commerce with their fellows. Their skins vary in colour and their speech may have nothing in common, but they inherit a common life of toil. And the morning steames of the world are the signs of its energy.

THE NEW ORDER.

Changes in London Dockland.

Everywhere in London nowadays the hand of change is busy. It is the same in all those different Londons which made up London's whole—in the Westend, in the City, in suburbia. It eats up streets, it devours centuries-old landmarks. It lays flat ancient graveyards and the churches that stood in them. writes C. Fox Smith in the "Daily Chronicle."

So, too, is it in still another London—that strange, aloof, amphibious London which is the London of the seafarer. Here, also, change is continually at work, taking here an old leaning galleried building for its prey, there a flight of steps which the tides have wetted twice daily since the time of the Tudors, there an old sail loft, which goes back to the days of the Blackwallers. And now—even as Regent-street is passing—so also are Quebec Dock and Canada Pond and Centre Pond to pass away at the dictate of progress.

It is no great matter, perhaps, the substitution of one large dock for three smaller ponds—inconvenient, no doubt, wasteful of space and out of date. It means the disappearance of nothing of any architectural or even historic importance; nothing but a few wharf sheds and a little bridge or two (indifferently in themselves), a few green and water-worn piles, a few wharves which have been for generations of seafarers the first solid ground their unaccustomed feet have touched for many weary and perilous months, a few old bollards to which in their day hundreds of ships have made fast during their brief sojournings in harbour, a few stretches of dull and littered water, which have seen in their time some of the fairest and proudest ships man ever build to serve his needs by sea.

A SIGHT FOR THE PASSING. And yet may not one be permitted a sentimental sigh for their passing? They have a certain quiet comfort, a homely charm of their own, these odd nooks and corners of the old Surrey Docks, which one misses somehow in the big modern ones. They are the ship's wayside inns, the others are her modern hotels—magnificent but unhome-like. They are leisurely-seeming places, when things are not over busy, and when the crews are all ashore in sailor-town, and the stevedores' men have finished for the day, one might fancy the ships yarning away among themselves happily enough of an evening, and telling all tales of the roaring forties, very likely, for the benefit of the lighters—and the London barges.

They take their memories with them for some of us, these undistinguished stretches of prisoned river water—memories of old ships with the sea wonder about them, and the sunset glory upon their spars. They come still from time to time, the old windjammers, working out their last years in alien bondage who once were queens of the sea. But they are few and far between. Soon, perhaps, the last will be gone, and a new generation of ships will know Centre Pond no more.

FAMILY TALENT.

An interesting example of hereditary adroitness with the pen is provided by the appearance of a history of the 20th Hussars in the Great War, written by Major J. C. Darling. Major Darling is the son of the famous judge, who, apart from providing other writers with a good many witticisms, has written some pleasant things both in prose and in verse, and is the acknowledged poet of the Bench at the present time.



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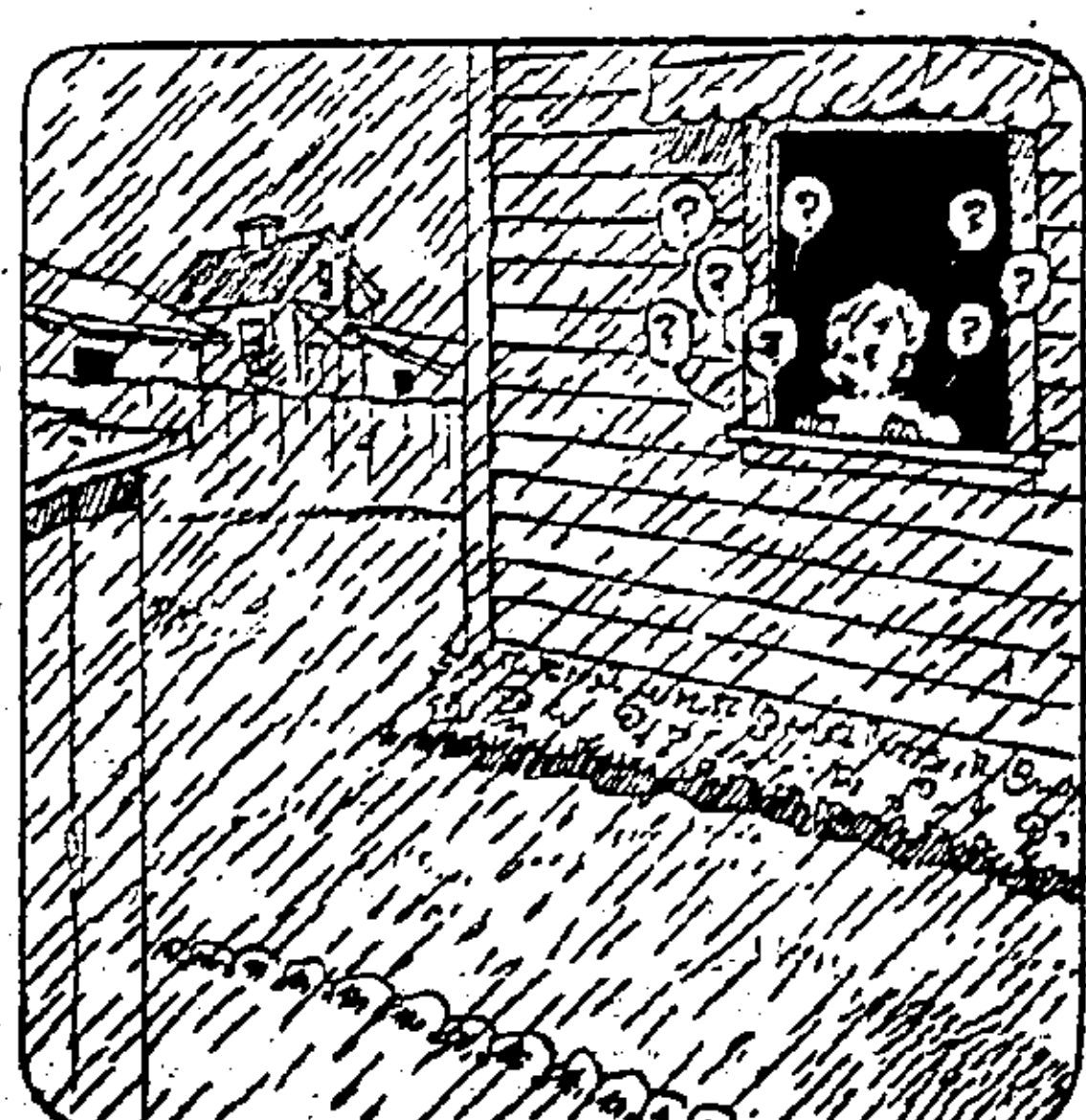
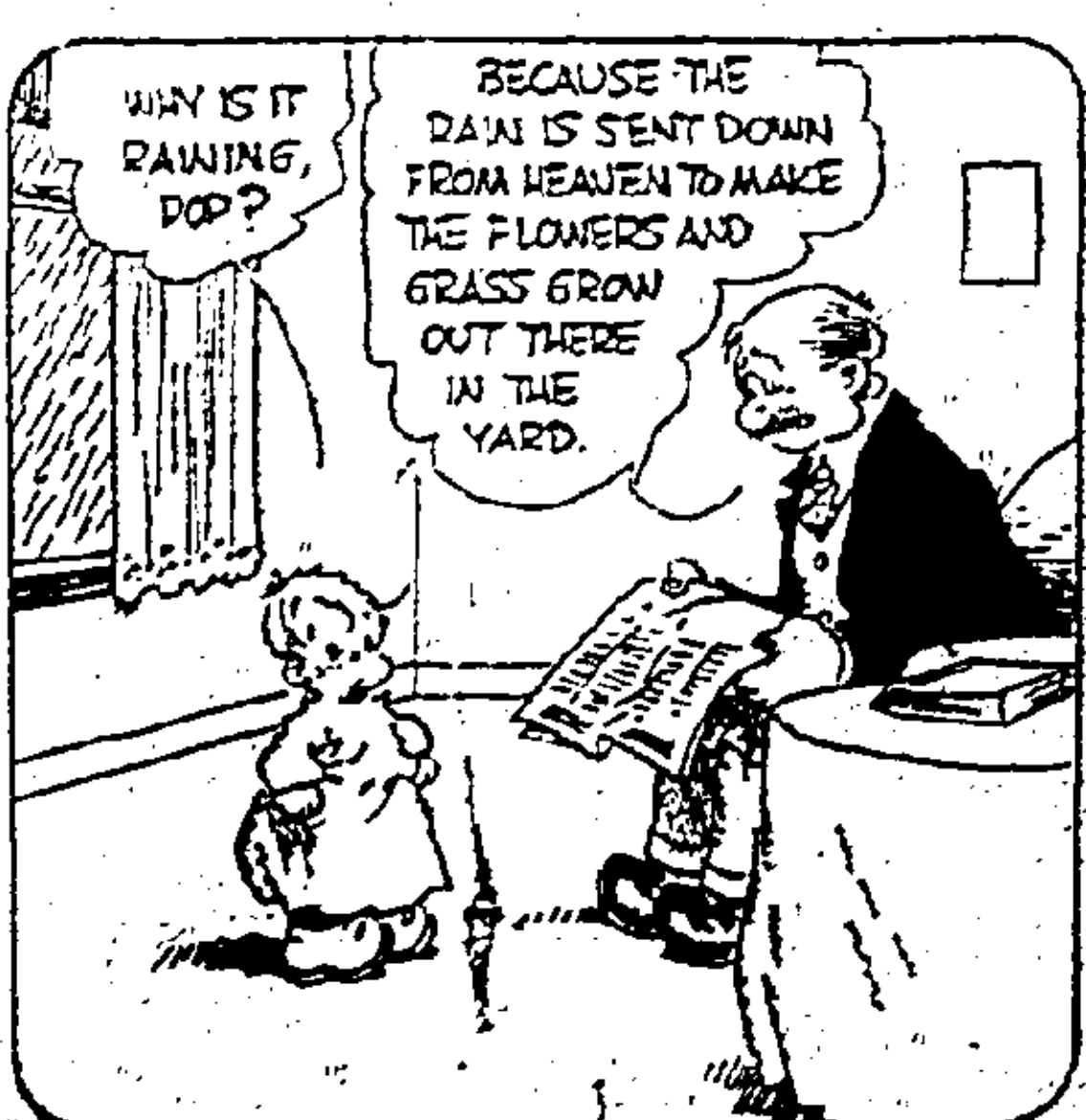
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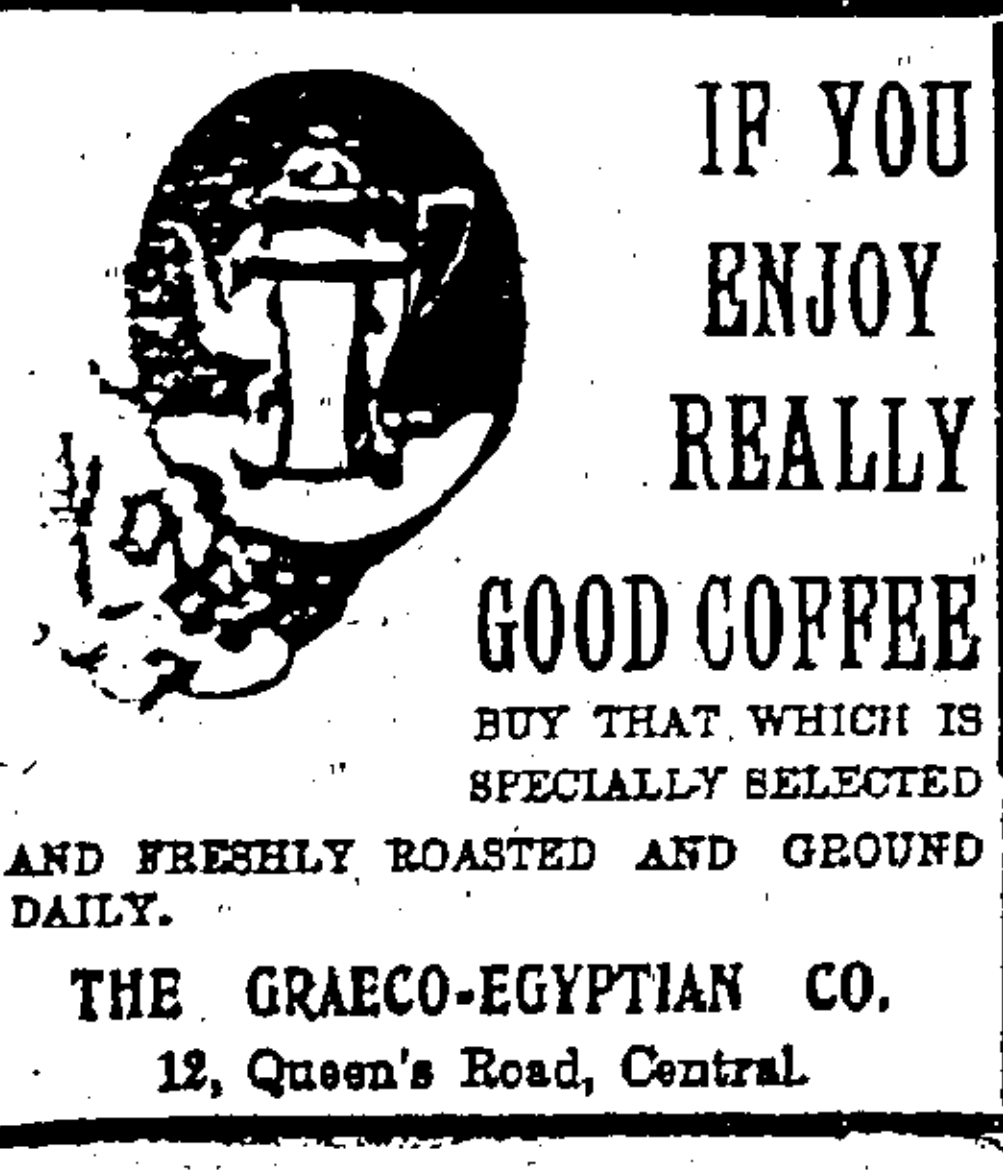
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DEATHS.

ALLEN.—On 25th. October, at Sea View, Wanchai, Frederick George Allen, aged 55. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. this afternoon.

WHITEFORD.—At the French Hospital, on October 25th, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whiteford. Funeral passes the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 26th Oct., 1923.

NOISES.

We were reading the other day of the time, before the advent of the rifle, when Chinese warriors used to wear false faces and make a frightful din on gongs in order to scare the opposing soldiery. It seems a strange method of making war, but may be the Chinese knew what they were doing, after all. We see that Professor A. M. Low, the British scientist, predicts that noise will play an important part in future warfare. "Noise," he observes, "has a very curious effect on human beings. The more civilised they become, the more noise affects them. Lots of people in the Great War were sent into a serious condition by the nerve-racking effect of noise. I can imagine the aggressive use of selected noises to undermine the morale of population, and the development of all sorts of anti-noise devices."

There is no doubt something in the idea. We are all acquainted with that nervous, keyed-up condition in which even the slightest noises make us jump. Noise, even in a condition of healthy nerves, shocks the nervous system. It is, indeed, something of a wonder that people in civilised centres are as sane as they are, considering the thousands of blows or shocks that reach their nerves daily in the form of noises. Later, no doubt, as cities become larger and noisier, there will be special measures against the more annoying sounds, just as now there are "silence zones" near most big hospitals. Here in Hongkong we know a fair amount, from personal experience, of the annoyance caused by noises, both by day and night. With the growth of the Colony, the evil is becoming more pronounced every year.

Fortunately, nature is quick to protect us in this matter. The man whose work is in or near a dock or factory gets so accustomed to the rumble of the machinery or the "driving of

rivets that he either ignores or does not hear the noises which would drive others to distraction. So, too, most of us reach that state when the ordinary din of modern civilisation seems to pass in one ear and out of the other without our noticing it. This is probably because the power of receiving a sensation becomes more or less paralysed by repetition. All the same, there must be a very marked effect on our nervous system by the accumulation of these daily shocks. We may be unconscious of it at the time, but in the long run the result becomes evident in shattered nerves and, all too often, bad tempers. Such is the price of what we term civilisation.

Chinese and Smallpox.

The authorities concerned are tackling the subject of protection against smallpox with commendable zeal, and a great deal should be accomplished in the way of prevention by the provision of free centres for Chinese to be vaccinated at, as advertised in the local papers. On glancing down the list of these "depots" in Hongkong we notice one serious omission—there is no place provided in the Peak district. For the convenience of the very large number of Chinese employed in the upper levels we think a place for their free vaccination should be arranged for in addition to those listed. Perhaps a room in an outbuilding of one of the upper-level hospitals could be made to serve the purpose of a clinic. It is as well to give the population every inducement to be vaccinated, by saving them long journeys to the official centres. Then we suggest that better publicity could be given this matter of protection against smallpox by distributing handbills among the Chinese in every corner of the Colony, containing a vivid word picture of the horrors of the disease and the merits of vaccination, together with the list of free centres. This method would ensure the authorities reaching the many thousands who never have access to the vernacular newspapers.

The "Sun Ning" Piracy.

Not since the "Sui An" affair last November has there been a piracy so nearly concerning Hongkong as the one we recorded yesterday, on the S.S. Sun Ning. It will be recalled that after the looting of the S.S. Sui An, which was accompanied by several fatalities, there was a commission appointed to investigate all the issues raised and a report of their findings was duly published. At present the Government is engaged in consulting various experts on the matter of special Piracy Regulations, a draft of which was issued recently and came in for a good deal of adverse comment. The "Sun Ning" piracy should give further grist to the mill of thought. It is worth noting that the desperadoes had firearms, which they must have succeeded in concealing in their luggage when they went aboard as ordinary passengers. We have heard it said that it is practically impossible to search the baggage of every individual amongst the hundreds of Chinese who travel by these smaller vessels, but there must be a remedy of some kind—a means of circumventing this smuggling of arms on board—and it is "up to" the authorities to find it.

"MCKINLEY" ARMS CASE.

BOTH ACCUSED FOUND "GUILTY."

The case in which a former porter and a former cabin boy of the President McKinley were charged before the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions, with being in unlawful possession of 43 Mauser pistols and 2,340 rounds of ammunition, ended yesterday afternoon.

The cabin boy's statement to the Court practically amounted to an admission of guilt, but his excuse was that he did not know he was breaking the law if he did not actually take the arms ashore. The porter's story was that as he was passing down the corridor the cabin boy asked him to carry the bag, and he did so, having no knowledge what it contained until he was arrested.

Both accused were found guilty, the Chief Justice announcing that he would defer sentence until Monday morning.

DAY BY DAY.

THE LOUDEST BARKERS ARE ALWAYS WITH THE SIDE-SHOW.—*Coleman Cox.*

Sir Claud Severn is, we understand, returning early next month by the Empress of Canada.

Dr. J. B. Addison, Hongkong's new Principal Civil Medical Officer, is expected here early in the New Year.

Members of the Motor Gymkhana Committee are reminded of the meeting in the *Hongkong Telegraph* offices at 5.30 p.m. on Monday.

There were nine further cases of small-pox notified yesterday—seven in Hongkong and two in Kowloon. All were Chinese. There were also two Chinese cases of enteric reported.

An official report issued by General Chan King-ming states that Pingshan, Pinghoi and Nanshan have been recaptured by his troops and that attacks are now being made on Wingu and Tamsui. Communication between Waichow and Shanmui has been restored.

LAWN BOWLS.

The following team will represent "Dundee" against K.D.R.C. on the Dock Green to-morrow at 3.30 p.m., a launch from Blake Pier leaving at 2.45 p.m.:—Harvey (Capt.), Neave, Chapman, Petrie, Clark, Agg, Simpson, Nicoll, Robertson, Clark, Scott, Duncan, Ramsay, Steel, Jack, McLeod, Reid, Sword, Searle, Kay, Ritchie, Wylie, Clark and Webster.

DESERTERS.

TODAY'S COURT MARTIAL.

Three soldiers apprehended aboard the President Grant on Sept. 7th, as the vessel was leaving harbour, bound for America, came before Major W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith, D.S.O., and other officers, at a District Court Martial, held at Murray Barracks, this morning. They were each charged with desertion and with losing by neglect certain articles of their kit. Each accused was tried separately.

Gunner G. F. Bettley, 83 Coy., R.G.A., pleaded guilty to both charges, and handed in a written statement, which was not read out. Accused's record gave his age as 29 and year of enlistment 1920. He joined the 83 Coy. in July, this year, and it was stated in his favour that since that date his conduct had been very satisfactory and he had held positions in which he had been entrusted with large sums of money.

Pte. G. Christian, of the King's Regt's the second accused to come before the Court, pleaded not guilty to both charges. Mr. A. S. Bridgen gave evidence to the effect that he followed the President Grant out of harbour on Sept. 7th, in a steam launch. He was signalled to come alongside. He did so, and four men, dressed in civilian clothes, said to be stowaways, were put aboard his launch. Two of them gave their names as O'Grady and Spear. Mr. Bridgen handed all four over to the water police.

Actg.-Sergt. Langley, of the water police, spoke to being in the charge room when the four men were brought in. Accused was one of them, and witness recognised him as a man who gave his name as Robert Spear.

Sergt. Fowler, gave evidence of receiving accused from Victoria Gaol in the name of Spear, and dressed in civilian clothes.

Accused's story was that he and two others had been living in Kowloon about a fortnight. They went aboard the President Grant that morning to see if they could get some breakfast. As they were waiting for the meal to be prepared accused went and sat on a bunk. He fell asleep and when he awoke the ship was slowed down and he was handed over to Mr. Bridgen.

Pte. J. Fowley, King's Regt., pleaded guilty to the charge of desertion, but denied losing his kit.

In each case it was mentioned that accused had served a month's imprisonment at the hands of the civilian authorities.

Their sentences will be promulgated in due course.

LOCAL RADIO.

LAST NIGHT'S BROADCASTING.

For over an hour last night, the Hongkong Hotel Company broadcasted a varied programme—the first occasion on which broadcasting was carried out on an organised scale in the Colony and also on which vocalists and the Hotel orchestra contributed. Hitherto the items sent out have consisted either of gramophone selections or monologues, but last evening's demonstration was in the nature of an experiment on broader lines. Receiving sets had been installed at the Institution of Shipbuilders and Engineers, the Volunteer Headquarters, Repulse Bay Hotel, the *Hongkong Telegraph* offices, the Peak Club and in the motoring department of the Hongkong Hotel, whilst quite a number of private "listeners-in" were trying out their sets.

It must be said right at the outset that the reception of the programme at the stations mentioned was not altogether a complete success, although certain items were quite distinctly heard. But as it is only by such experiments that Hongkong will eventually get the benefit of more or less perfect radio broadcasting, last night's attempt was of educational value. It was a pity that at the very beginning some powerful Morse messages, either from a local ship or wireless station, came cutting in with such force that they could not be tuned out, and the opening speech by Mr. H. J. B. Norton, Manager of the Hotel, was hopelessly mixed up with dots and dashes. In any case, he was indistinctly heard. The first item, by the Hotel Orchestra was disappointing. It was very hard to follow the tune, perhaps by reason of the fact that the grouping of the instrumentalists round the transmitter was not scientifically carried out, with the result that there was a lack of tune and "balance."

Later in the evening, when the orchestra played "Poet and Peasant" and "Yes, we have no bananas," listeners-in heard things to rather better advantage. Mr. H. W. Chaney gave a humorous monologue but it was difficult to catch his words. Mr. V. C. Labrum was more of a success in his song, sung with vigour and clear enunciation. Mrs. H. A. Jones contributed two songs so excellently that those in the broadcasting room were heard to applaud at the conclusion, but over the wireless they lost a great deal of their merit. Mr. "Robt. MacWhirter" told a humorous story relating to MacPherson's purchase of a gramophone in Haiphong and this was, perhaps, the most distinctly heard item of the evening. In addition to the above there were several gramophone selections, over an hour being occupied in sending out the programme.

We have collected information from several of the listening-in places and they all go to confirm the fact that although there was plenty of sound received, the quality of the sound leaves much room for improvement. There were far too many "statics," sounding like scratches on a gramophone record, and the modulations of voice and orchestra were too pronounced. There was too great a contrast between the *pianissimo* and *forte* having regard to the fact that the sound was being transmitted by wireless. But matters have already progressed a long way since radio was first tried here, and these experiments and criticisms are all necessary before the Colony can hope to arrive at the stage reached either in America or at home.

The Hongkong Hotel Company well deserve the thanks expressed at last night's meeting of the Radio Society and, if by the carrying out of experiments such as was tried last night, they eventually arrive at perfection, they will have achieved much. Radio here is still in its infancy; it still requires study, experiments and patience.

In closing, it should be explained that the above notice is written purely in regard to the reception of the programme by the sets erected at the centres named. On the other hand, reports reach us of listeners-in using private sets aboard ships, in Kowloon and at the Peak who heard everything with wonderful clearness. From these sources the Hongkong Hotel Company has to-day received a number of congratulations on the excellence of the broadcasting.

A MERE TRIFLE.

"Did you assault him?" a man was asked at Ealing Police Court. "I only jumped on his stomach," was the reply.

SUN'S HEADQUARTERS.

STRENGTHENING THE DEFENCES.

Further news is to hand to-day regarding the measures taken to strengthen the defences of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's new headquarters near the Bocca Tigris forts.

A report from Tai Ping market town states that strong defensive lines are being made near Tung Koon city, the commandeer coolies having been converted into an engineering corps for the purpose of making trenches and constructing fortifications. Large quantities of ammunition and provisions are being concentrated in the principal fort in which Dr. Sun's head quarters are established. Several of the well-to-do inhabitants and the big merchants have moved to other districts.

It will be recalled that Dr. Sun was last forced to leave Canton, a beautiful jade seal, Presidential seal was in process of being made. It was, however, only half finished. Instructions have now been given that the seal be completed. The chief characters engraved on it are: "The Seal of the Chinese Republic."

THE "LUNG SHAN."

FINE NEW RIVER BOAT.

Yesterday the general public had an opportunity of seeing over the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's new river steamer Lung Shan, invitations to a reception aboard having been issued by the Directors of the Company. Full particulars of this boat were given at the time of her launching at Kowloon Dock in July last, since when, of course, the finishing touches have been put on to the vessel. The result is a really magnificent river steamer, which should make travelling between here and Canton a real pleasure.

Everyone visiting the ship yesterday were greatly struck by the general excellence of the appointments, which are almost luxurious. The spacious cabins and large and artistic saloon came in for much admiration. During the afternoon, tea and refreshments were served, and a really enjoyable time was spent. The Lung Shan goes on her maiden trip to Canton to-morrow. She will be maintained for the time being on the day service.

TODAY'S TIFFIN.

A tiffin was given on board the new steamer to-day by the Chairman and Directors of the Company at which there was a representative attendance. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Chairman of the Company, presided and among these also present were the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, the Hon. Mr. E. Irving, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., and Messrs. G. T. Edkins, E.D.C. Wolfe, C.D., Melbourne, G.R. Sayer, G. Hogg, G.M. Young, Capt. Clarke, Commander Beckwith, E. Cock, R. Sutherland, D. G. M. Bernard, J. Reid, P. Lauder, Dr. G. M. Harston, etc., together with a number of ladies.

After tiffin had been served, Mr. Holyoak, on behalf of the Company, thanked all those present for their attendance to wish the ship bon voyage and good luck on her maiden trip. He said they appreciated the fact that the Company had a great many friends in the Colony and he thought that all of them, after their inspection that day, would agree that the Dock Company had not only done themselves justice but proud. (Hear, hear.) They were taking out to Canton in the "Lung Shan," the finest river boat that had ever passed out of the Colony's waters. He was perfectly certain that the boat took with her the good wishes of all. In asking the company to drink to the good luck of the ship, he coupled with the toast the name of the Harbour Master, Commander C. W. Beckwith, saying that because of his great interest in the shipping of the Colony and his willingness to help shipping companies at all times he had earned the thanks of them all. (Hear, hear.)

In the course of a humorous reply, Commander Beckwith said they were all satisfied regarding the excellence of the boat and her officers. On his invitation the Company drank to the good luck of the "Lung Shan."

INTERPORT LAWN TENNIS TEAMS.



The Hongkong lawn tennis team selected to meet Shanghai in the interport tournament played a plucky series of games, but they had to acknowledge defeat. The Shanghai players won four matches and drew in the fifth. The trophy, seen in the picture, was donated by Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director of the Hongkong Hotels, Ltd. In the picture are shown: front row (left to right) Messrs. Omar Rumjahn (Hongkong), H. Toun-sant (Shanghai), Sircar A. Rumjahn (Hongkong captain) and Herbert D. Rumjahn. Back row: (left to right) R. Canavaro, J. L. Wade and C. E. Whitmore (Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association).

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

CONDITION OF VICTIMS.

It may not be generally known that the "Sunning," which was pirated on Tuesday night on the voyage to Kongmoon, was missed on the way by various other vessels on this line, and that this fact was reported to the Chinese authorities. Steamers arriving at Whangmoon that night reported that the Sunning had not been seen but apparently nothing was done on this information.

The Shuihing Company, which owns the vessel, to-day told a *Telegraph* representative that the first information that something was amiss came through in a cable from Kongmoon. The message was received locally at 12.30 the following day, that is Wednesday. It stated that the Sunning had not turned up at Kongmoon. The impression it then produced amongst the officials of the Company was that the Sunning had straggled. They hastened to send back a reply, but unfortunately the telegraph communication broke down in the meantime.

The Sunning came back into port at 3.30 after having fallen into the hands of pirates, as previously reported, and nothing could be done beyond apprising the police.

On enquiries to-day it was learned that Captain McKeechne, who was wounded in the right shoulder, cheek is progressing. The condition of the mate, Mr. Spittlerobb, and the Indian guard still gives cause for some anxiety.

The latest outrage has awakened Chinese shipping circles to a recognition of the point that something more effective than the precautions hitherto taken, should be adopted. With a view to discovering what lines the new measures should take, Chinese owners of shipping along the coast and in the riverways are to-day holding a full meeting, when the question will be thoroughly gone into.

The Sunning, resuming her service, left last night with a new guard to replace the members shot by the pirates. The full regulation number of six were taken on board, in addition to new arms and ammunition.

A FINE PROGRAMME.

VAUDEVILLE AT THE STAR.

J. C. Williams's Variety Company and the two big fight films attracted a large audience to the Star Theatre last night. The vaudeville entertainment is well above the average performance of this type usually seen in Hongkong. The J. C. Williams's Company are clever, bright and original, and it is altogether a high class evening's amusement. Jack and Cora, in their "Novelty Whirl," give an astounding exhibition of strength in the teeth; the turn wants seeing to be believed. Young Eddie Polo provides quite a number of thrills on a rope and on a trapeze. He is equally at home on either and numbers some astonishing tricks amongst his accomplishments.

CRICKET.

SCOUTS V. SCHOLARS.

The 5th Troops of the Hongkong Boy Scouts met a Diocesan School miscellaneous team on the University Ground on Wednesday. Lack of practice and the facilities for practice were causes which produced poor scores in what was, however, a sporting little match. In two cases, one on each side, the umpire apparently needed practice, but there was no grumbling. The first innings scores are given below. In the second innings, the Scouts scored 81 for 8 Wickets. Diocesan 43 for 7.

THE SCOUTS.

V. Gittins, b. E. Hamson 17
A. Normanbhoy, c. K. Ram 2
J. Kotwall, c. A. Essahby 11
E. Zimmern, c. Chan, b. Essahby 3
W. Shee, c. Hamson 1
J. Fox, b. Pang 0
F. Zimmern, c. Chan, b. Pang 0
R. Gerard, c. Pang, b. Hamson 0
F. Sammy, b. Pang 0
Y. Fenton, c. Pang 0
R. Barney, not out 0

Extras.

13

Total.

51

DIOCESAN.

A. Pang, b. Gittins 0
R. Leong, b. Gittins 0
W. T. Featherstone, blow Gittins 9
H. Jackson, b. Gittins 9
T. S. W. Chan, hit wkt. b. Gittins 14
K. Ishimatsu, b. Normanbhoy 10
E. Hamson, c. F. Zimmern, b. J. Kotwall 1
A. Essahby, c. E. Zimmern, b. A. Normanbhoy 6
K. Ram, b. E. Zimmern 2
L. Gutierrez, not out 7
E. Cunningham, run out 6

Extras.

8

Total.

57

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club "A" team in their League match against the Indian R. C. "A" team at Soekunpoo on Saturday: H. Overy (capt.), B. Petheram, T. Evelyn, T. E. Jones, E. J. Edwards, O. B. Raven, W. L. Weaver, A. J. Kew, J. Fraser, D. S. Green, A. G. Pile and C. J. Tacchi.

Those with a taste for performing animals will enjoy Ted Trevor's dog "Duke." J. C. Williams presents some up-to-date American jazz songs, and Babe Latour's living statue poses are exceedingly clever and effective.

The two fight films—Firro v. McAuliffe and Willard v. Floyd Johnson—will appeal to all boxing enthusiasts. The pictures themselves are as good as sitting in a ringside seat, whilst from the scientific point of view the screen version of the fights are even better. The knock-outs and various other phases of the contests are shown by slow-motion photography, which gives a wonderful illustration of the high degree of efficiency the modern boxer has attained. One follower of the "noble art" who was present told a *Telegraph* representative that they are the best boxing films he has ever seen.

AFTER TWO YEARS.

ALLEGED PIRATE IN TROUBLE.

A somewhat unusual case was to-day brought by the Crown against a man arrested at Ap-pichau. He was charged with being concerned with others in a piracy committed nearly two years ago, when two fishing junks whilst sailing in the waters of the Colony were attacked.

According to Sergeant James, after a preliminary volley of shots, the two boats were forced to come alongside the pirate vessel and were taken in tow towards Tam Kang Tow in Chinese waters. On the way, one of the captive boats managed to slip her rope and elude the robbers. Nothing probably would have been heard of the affair had it not been for a dispute arising over a promissory note.

This document was handed to Messrs. Hastings and Hastings on Tuesday last. It bore the amount of \$112 and the impression of finger-prints as signature. The writ for payment was served on Wednesday on a fisherman at Aberdeen. Now we come to the interesting part of the story.

This fisherman has now come forward with an astonishing statement. He says that this document was the one forced on him by the robbers in the case of piracy referred to above. He was one of the fishermen who managed to escape from the gang in the second boat.

Acting on this, the police went to Ap-pichau where a man was pointed out by the fisherman as being one of the gang. Arrested, he was to-day charged before the Magistrate.

Mr. R. E. Webster, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, in reply to the Magistrate, said that he was appearing for the defendant in the charge. The claim for the amount of the promissory note would be dependent on the outcome of the case.

It was stated by Sergeant James that when the defendant was put up for identification at the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon he was picked out by six persons as being one of the pirates.

A formal remand for a week to enable the defending solicitor to unravel what he described as a "tangled case" was granted by Mr. J. R. Wood.

INDIAN SERVICES INQUIRY.

The Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Superior Public Services in India, Lord Lee of Fareham, was to leave London on October 18 and embark on the Kaiser-i-Hind at Marseilles on the following day for Bombay. He will be accompanied by his colleagues belonging to this country, Sir Reginald Craddock, Sir Cyril Jackson, and Mr. Coupland, with Mr. S. F. Stewart (India Office) and Mr. A. W. Street (Ministry of Agriculture). They will meet the members now in India, and Commission will hold its first meeting at Delhi on November 4.

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The Passport Nuisance.

To the Editor of the *Times*.
Sir.—During the past three months I have embarked on ocean steamers, twice from Spanish ports and once from a French port. In neither case was there the smallest formality exacted by the authorities. During the same period I have twice embarked from Tilbury. On the first occasion passengers were kept standing about for an hour whilst passports were minutely examined. On the second there was no examination of passports, but passengers passing from the boat train to the ship were ordered into a shed and there, encumbered with hand luggage, having forced their way to a table, were presented with a Board of Trade form asking a wholesale series of ridiculous questions, which they were required to answer before being

permitted to embark. If these impediments to travel are regarded as unnecessary both by France and Spain, what excuse is there for inflicting them upon British subjects? It is a question which not only concerns the traveller, but also the taxpayer, who is called upon to maintain an army of officials, who waste tons of stationery. If the Government are really in earnest in their efforts to reduce expenditure, this is one of the first things they would dispense with. If there was the smallest advantage to be gained from it, or justify the expense, other countries would adopt it.

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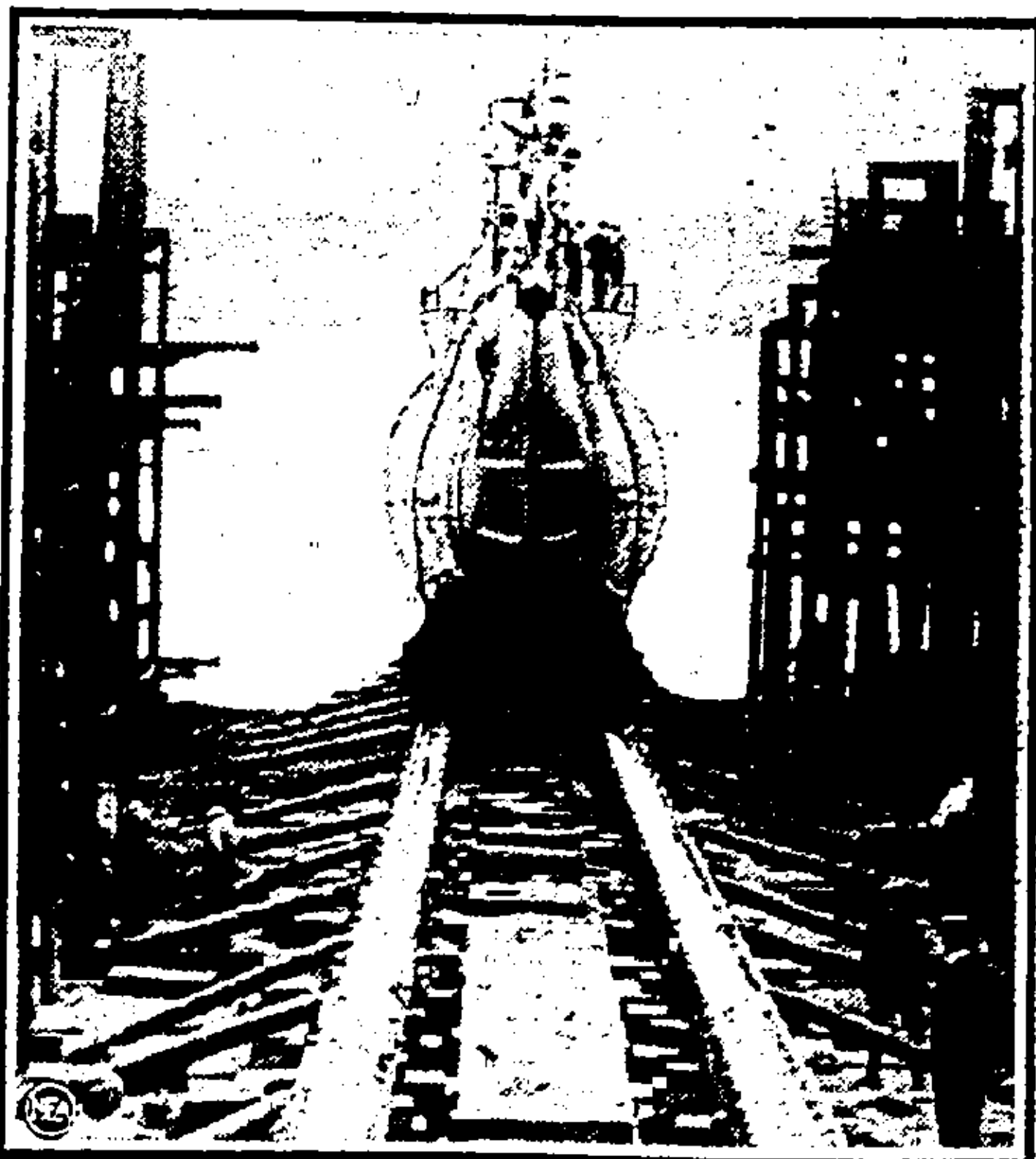
Little Phyllis Brumley could ride "Hercuven Dominic" as a jockey rides a horse. The dog, exhibited at the Westbury Kennel Club, Long Island, is the best St. Bernard in America, according to his owner, Mrs. Wm. Linz Brooklyn.



Jean Hanson, 6, the most popular little girl in Kenosha. She was chosen from more than 200 others in a beauty contest. Baby Jean is a dancer of no little ability, too.



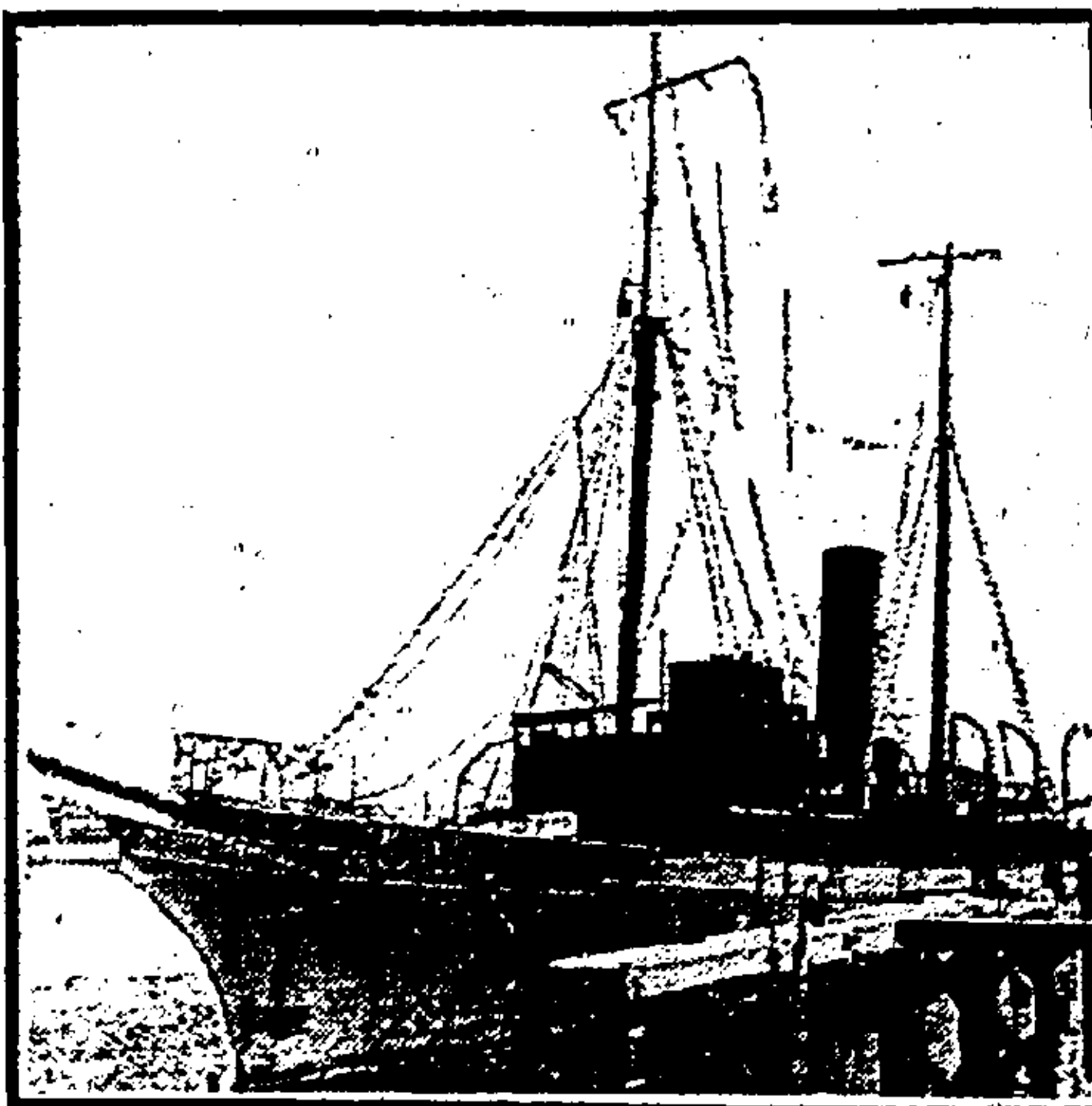
General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the U.S. Army during the World War, and Miss Cora Virginia McEntee, of New York, stole a march on their friends when they were married within a few days of the announcement of their engagement. Here they are leaving St. George's Registry Office in London.



The S-47, newest submarine of the U.S. Navy, as she slid down the ways at Fore River, after being christened by Grace Roosevelt, young daughter of Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.



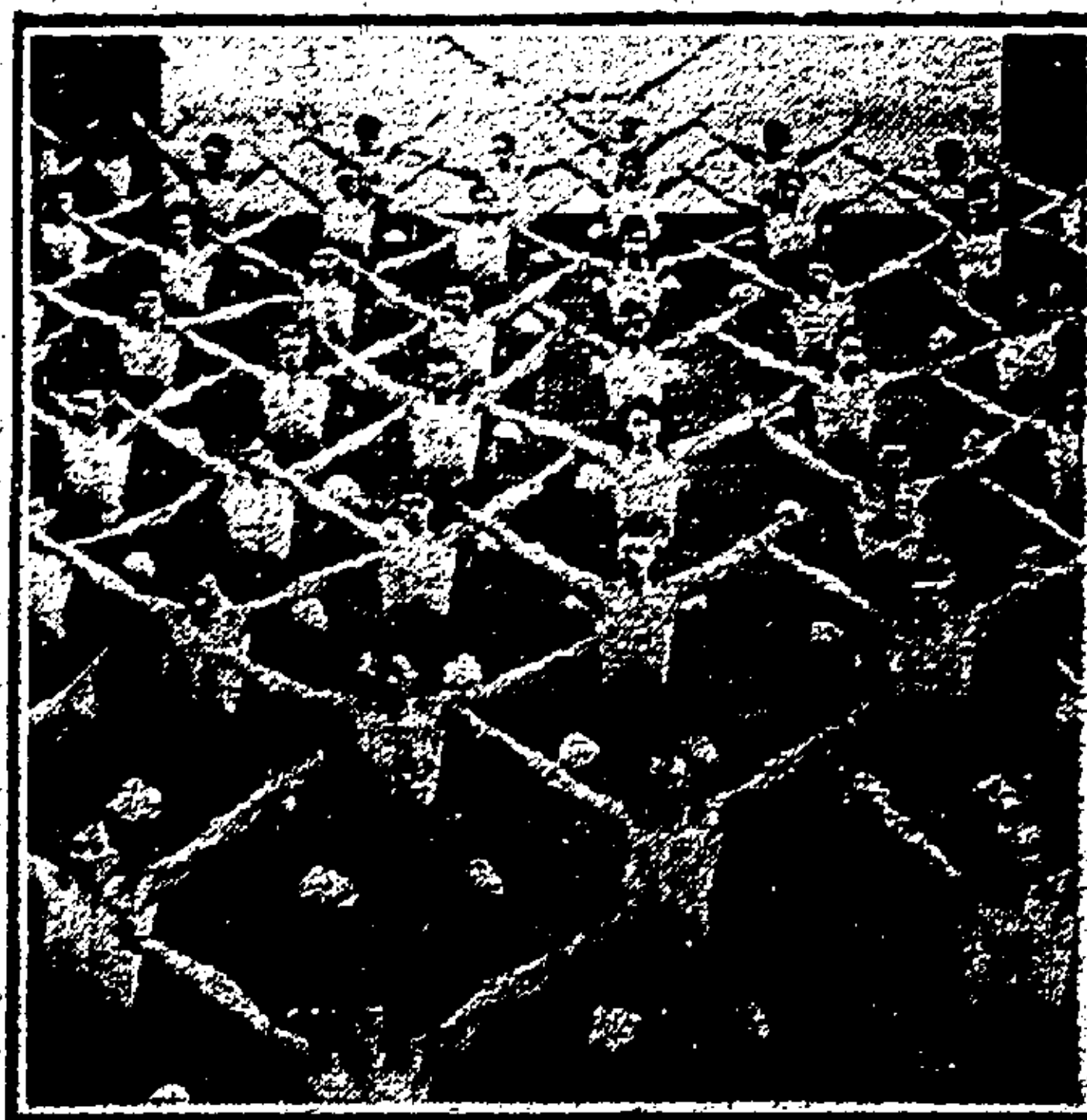
Don Santiago Alba (left), minister of foreign affairs of Spain, against whom the revolutionists were particularly bitter. Don Manuel Garcia Prieto, Marquis of Alcañices and Premier, who tendered King Alfonso the resignation of the entire cabinet, is seen on the right.



The British ship "Frontiermen," snapped at Los Angeles, is making a world survey, preliminary to the round-world aeroplane flight to be made next summer by two British aviators. The ship establishes petrol bases. Crew of the ship is made up of ex-navy and army officers, serving without pay, and donating considerable money themselves for the expedition.



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2. of Australia	Dec. 21	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
2. of Asia	Jan. 10	Jan. 28	Feb. 8
2. of Russia	Feb. 7	Feb. 25	Mar. 7
2. of Australia	Feb. 22	Mar. 12	Mar. 19
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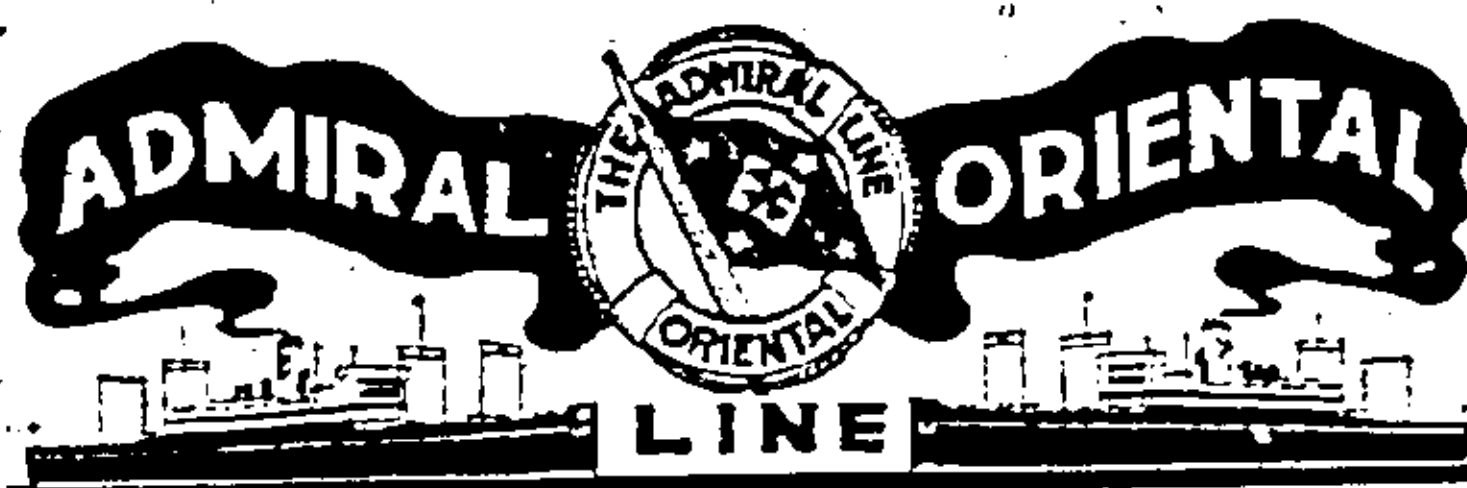
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Hongkong, 20th Oct., 1923.

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R. RODENFUSER.

Acting.

Hongkong, 24th Oct., 1923.

MONDAY, October 29th.

Jascha Heifetz

Booking at Moutrie's.

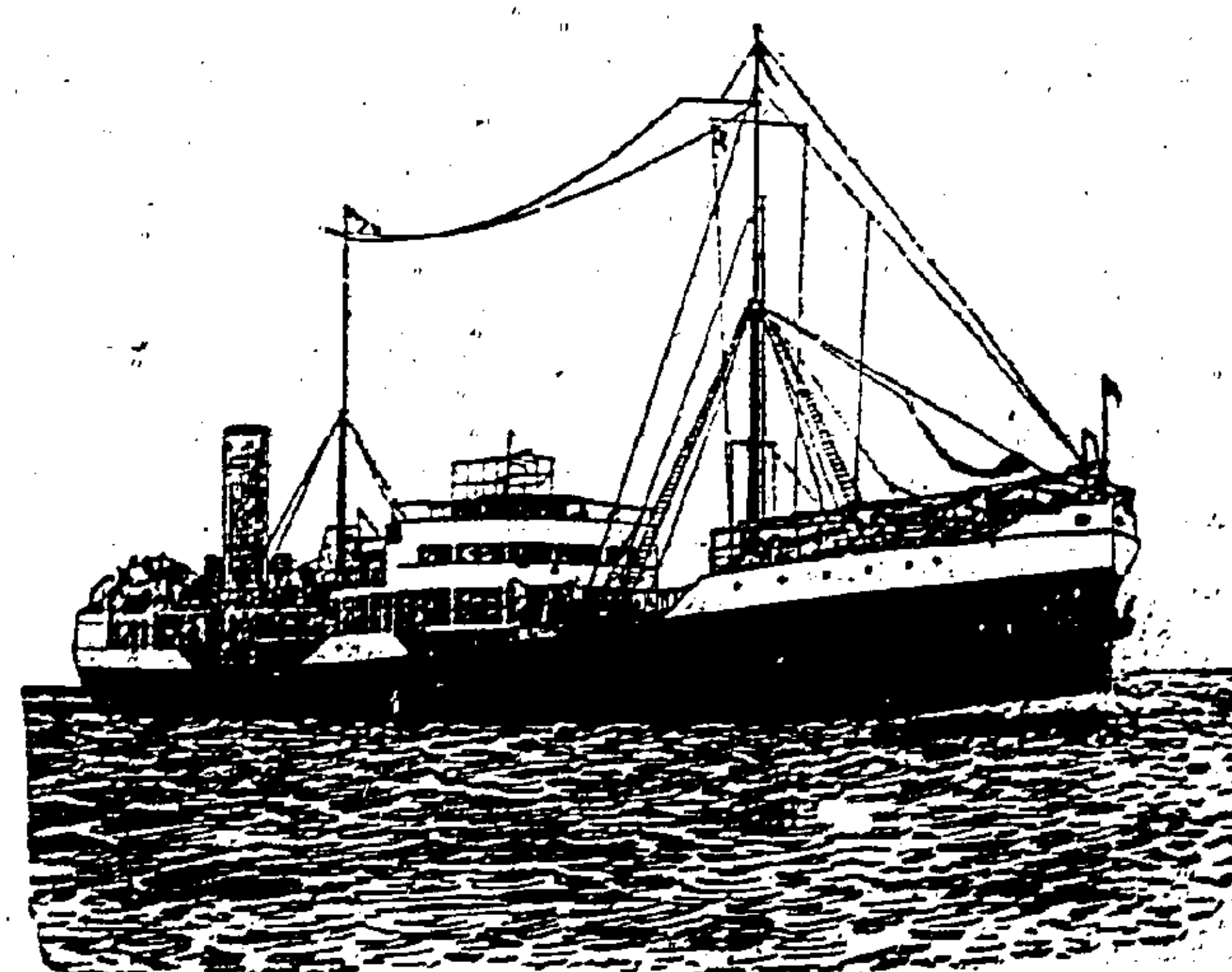
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SICILIA	6,813	14th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, C'bo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	16th Nov.	M'les, Gib. L'don & A'werp
NIANZA	7,023	24th Nov.	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam
KALAN	9,062	30th Nov.	M'les, London & Antwerp

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GLENGARRY	15th Nov.	GLENGARRY	19th Nov.
CARNATHENSHIRE	25th Nov.	GLENGARRY	29th Nov.
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CHILI	15th Nov.	13th Nov.	13th Nov.
PORTHOS	29th Nov.	27th Nov.	27th Nov.
ANGKOR	12th Dec.	11th Dec.	11th Dec.
CHAMBORD	26th Dec.	25th Dec.	25th Dec.
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MALACA MARU... Tuesday, 30th Oct.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

CALCUTTA MARU... Sunday, 4th Nov.

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FANGO MARU... Thursday, 22nd Nov.

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TIENSIN	Cheongshing	Sat. 27th Oct. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Taisang	Sun. 28th Oct. at d'light.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksang	Sun. 28th Oct. at 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Kwoosang	Sun. 28th Oct. at 10 a.m.
KOBE via Amoy & S'hai	Kutsang	Wed. 31st Oct. at noon.
Antung via S'hai, T'ao	Waihsing	Wed. 31st Oct. at d'light.
BANGKOK via Hoihow	Chunsang	Thurs. 1st Nov. at 9 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Thurs. 1st Nov. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Ningpo	Yusang	Fri. 2nd Nov. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fooksang	Sat. 3rd Nov. at 3 p.m.
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GRAMOPHONE RESEARCH.**Elimination of Surface Noise.**

A complimentary luncheon to Mr. W. Forde, the inventor of a new British gramophone, devised to overcome defects in the reproduction of music, was given last month at the Connaught Rooms, London. Sir George Croydon Marks, chairman of the Columbia Graphophone Company, Limited, presided.

The Chairman said that hitherto every important invention associated with the gramophone had come from America, but it had fallen to a British inventor to complete the work. The new instrument had the merit of reproducing the full purity of the music.

Mr. W. Forde said as a result of experiments he had found that it was not the manufactured record, that was at fault in

respect to surface noise, but the reproducing machine, and by departing from the generally accepted devices he had obtained the results which he sought. Music could now for the first time be reproduced with a fidelity of tone that did justice to the artists.

Sir Henry Wood, who said he had always been interested in the gramophone, said that the new instrument would appeal to every lover of music.

Sir Dan Godfrey said he was glad to see that the public more and more wanted good music. Mechanical reproduction was doing valuable work in increasing musical appreciation. No country was producing so much good gramophone music as Great Britain.

EX-PREMIER'S DAUGHTER.
Miss Megan Lloyd George, on her return from America, is accompanied by Sir Alfred and Lady Mond to India on a visit to the Viceroy and Countess of Reading.

SVEN HEDIN IN SHANGHAI.**Tibetan Explorations To Be Resumed.**

As ships that pass in the night did two of our best known explorers of Central Asia cross trails here in Shanghai yesterday morning, when Dr. Sven Hedin the famous Swedish explorer and scientist, missed meeting Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, whose name is well-known to Shanghai, by a matter of hours, neither one knowing of the other's presence in town, and so what would have been a tremendously dramatic meeting is postponed, perhaps forever, says the *Shanghai Times* of October 17th.

Dr. Hedin comes to Shanghai en route to his home in Sweden, from America, where he has been on an extended lecture tour among the colleges and universities. It is his present intention to go on to Peking in a few days' time and from there to take the overland route via Siberia for home where he will remain for about a year before returning to Central Asia to resume his Tibetan explorations after an interval of 15 years, during which period he has devoted practically all his time to the preparation of a tremendous piece of scientific literature on the Tibetan and Mongolian country which he was in most cases the first European to traverse. To give an idea of the scope of his works, he has prepared a detailed atlas of five volumes alone, together with 14 other volumes of scientific data, records, etc.

THREE YEARS' WORK.

Previously, Dr. Hedin has travelled alone on his long journeys through unknown Tibet, but his expedition of next year will be more along the lines of the Andrews party in Mongolia. A geologist himself, Dr. Hedin will take with him an assistant in his own line of research and exploration and also representatives of the other branches of natural history, the country which he intends thoroughly to investigate during a period of three years in the wilderness being as fertile a field as Mongolia for the scientist, and by the way, infinitely more inaccessible and difficult to work, due to the extreme altitudes to be met and the distance from any kind of civilization. Three years' supplies will have to be taken by the party, including a part of the food, such as flour, tea and rice, and besides this the working supplies of the party will be no small item. Dr. Sven Hedin told a *Shanghai Times* reporter.

Whether the start into Tibet will be made from China or from Turkestan will depend entirely upon conditions in Russia next year. It is nearer from the Turkestan frontier and also more convenient for the party of Swedish scientists to use the Russian route in preference to the long trek across either Central China or Inner Mongolia to get to the Tibetan border, but if there are troubles in Russia it will be necessary to use one of the latter routes.

During previous trips Dr. Hedin has experienced difficulties with the Tibetans—whom by the way, he says he likes very much, indeed—due to their former disinclination to have foreigners in their country, but he anticipates no difficulties next year, fifteen years of varied experiences with foreign expeditions having somewhat enlightened them.

This expedition, working even further into the unknown than the Andrews party, will, with the information it will have to supplement and piece out the latter's finds, soon erase the last "terra incognita" from the map and, perhaps, may even be the first to find the bones of "Adam's grandfather."

A LONDON SKETCH BOOK.

"Low and I" (Methuen, 7s. 6d.) is the title which Mr. F. W. Thomas has given to what he describes as "a cooked tour in London," and the partnership of writer and cartoonist will be familiar to all readers of the "Star." The collaborators with pen and pencil perambulate a series of popular resorts—the Tower, the Zoo, Kensington Gardens, the Horse Show, the "Promenade" Concerts, and the Chiswick Baths will indicate their catholicity—and their notes upon collective humanity are as reasonably compounded of shrewdness, high spirits, and persiflage.

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THE "BLANKOSOUR."

A Humourist on
Fossilising.

Miss Kathleen O'Brien, the humourist, contributes this somewhat "topical" article to the *Daily Chronicle*. It is of course, not to be taken as referring to the recent important finds recorded in Mongolia:

I excavated him in the geranium bed, while I was extracting the geraniums for potting.

I felt my fork grate against something hard, and would have taken it for some mineral substance—have disposed of it, lightly, as a piece of Fundamental Gneiss, or a fragment of mere calc-mla, if the upturning of a clod of earth had not revealed a rib-like curve of fossiliferous bone. Tense with excitement, I worked at the over-lying soil until the entire rib, about six feet from end to end, lay exposed before me.

It took me about two hours altogether, to uncover the entire remains of that long-extinct saurian. It was perhaps a pity that I had to uproot the carnations, hollyhocks, and delphiniums I had tended with such patient care; that one of them had inadvertently burst into bloom; and that the rather expensive Japanese chrysanthemums I had planted had to be unplanted again and put on the marrow bed. But, after all, such a find as that was not to be ignored for the sake of a few vegetable organisms.

And when I saw him, lying there, wrapped in the sleep that has no waking; lying there, his small, fragile head (it was only about 10 feet long) pressed to the heart of the enfolding earth; I could hardly repress my emotion as the fleeting nature of all life was borne in upon me.

He must I supposed, have got stuck in a bit of the Portland beds while gambolling over the Inferior Oolite with his little Mesozoic playmates. His mother had probably said to him, as she tidied his front scales and washed the lower lip from his face, "Now, George, promise mother you won't go too near those horrid beds or you'll be turned into a fossil before you can say theriomorpha gigantis." And George's promise, But with the thoughtlessness of childhood he forgot his mother's warning and went playing leopitricatops too near the dreadful stratum, and leaped right into it. And the stratum, closed over him and had him fossilized in a trice, while the other little scalybacks went home sobbing with the news to his mother. And I hope, for my part, they were well spanked and put to bed without their milk and dinosaur.

ONLY A YOUNGSTER.
For, that he was the merest child at the time of his death was not to be doubted. He was only 60 feet long from snout to tail. I measured him with my tape measure. His left hind thigh bone was little more than nine feet in length and about five in girth. I shuddered to think how easily that delicate little limb might have snapped as its owner slid happily down the calcareous limestone. Something in the position of his tail, as of a frolic suddenly cut short, convinced me that he had been in the habit of running round after it, playfully.

I couldn't quite place his family. I knew his face, but couldn't remember his name. So I called him Blankosaur protem, and resolved to send him in a paper parcel to the Natural History Museum in the morning.

But thinking it over in the fading daylight, I realized that I could not commit the sacrilege. How desecrate the bones of the departed and disturb the last sleep of the dashing young? Reverently I replaced the earth over the lifeless body, and planted a daisy, and left him.

The garden did look rather a bombardment in the morning, certainly. And I was a little bit sorry about the carnations and the other things. But, after all how would you like to be dug up and have silly, gaping people come and stare at you, and point their umbrellas at you, and laugh noisily? No; I'm sure I did right to leave my baby Blankosaur in peace.

NEGRO BOY'S GIFT OF TONGUES.

Travelling with the Duchess of Aosta, who arrived at Liverpool recently by the Canadian Pacific liner *Montrose*, is "Sambo" a clever 9-year-old negro, who can speak English, French and Italian. He was adopted by the duchess, who is a great-games hunter, at the age of six as a mascot.

NEW CAPITALS

Lessons by Example.

The rebuilding of Tokyo (says a writer in a Home paper) will be the biggest job of its kind in history for no other town of equal size has ever met with equal catastrophe. The London of the Great Fire was small by modern standards, and Chicago, when it was burned down in 1871, was a place of only 200,000 inhabitants. The damage to San Francisco by the earthquake of 1906 was more serious, but in that case the devastation was only partial. The town of St. Pierre, which was annihilated by the eruption of Mont Pelée in 1902, remains a mass of ruins to this day. London lost its opportunity in 1666, but Tokyo will no doubt take care that it is not repeated on a scale worthy of a capital. Most capitals have reached that status by accident and evolution, and so retain much of the mean and haphazard. Washington, with its large spaces, is one of the few cities designed as a capital from the beginning; and Petrograd, built to royal order, has always been conscious of its dignity. But probably no capital in history has been the subject of so much thought, argument, selection, and even re-creation, as the Canberra, which is now slowly rising from the bush of New South Wales.

CRUELTY TO 14-YEAR-OLD SON.

At Hull recently Arthur Midgley was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for cruelty to his fourteen-year-old son by twisting his sprained ankle. Midgley was also fined 40s. for assaulting the police, whom he pelted with fire-irons when they were trying to arrest him.

WEATHER REPORT.

October 26th 11h. 45m.—Pressure is stationary at Chafco and has decreased moderately to slightly at other reporting stations.

Gradients are shallow from the Yangtze to the S. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 89.44 inches, against an average of 80.12 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Ferosa Chann	N.E. winds, moderate.
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamocks	E. winds, moderate; fine.
3 H'kong to Gap Rock	
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	

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A ROMANTIC ABANDONMENT.

Attracted by the wailing of an infant, a pedestrian recently turned aside into a cemetery outside Hsichimen, one of the principal western gates of Peking, and found a new-born boy wrapped in red silk and with a silken cord about its neck. An envelope attached to the cord contained \$300 in cash and a note asking the finder to use the money for the care of the youngster. The finder was further instructed to appear at a certain place, Wufusu, on July 15, three years hence, when, the note said, he would meet with good fortune.

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